
By: Senators Pinsky and Van Hollen

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards - Certification - State and Local**
3 **Aid Pilot Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a program of State and local aid to teachers who pursue
5 certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; requiring
6 the State Board of Education to select a certain number of teachers to participate in
7 the program; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain regulations;
8 specifying a certain amount to be received by certain teachers; requiring counties to
9 pay a certain amount to the State under specified circumstances; requiring teachers
10 to reimburse the State for certain aid received under certain circumstances;
11 requiring the State to reimburse counties for certain amounts received under
12 certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Education to establish a
13 statewide staff development plan; requiring the State Department of Education to
14 make a certain report; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
15 relating to the establishment of a program of State and local aid to teachers who
16 pursue certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

17 BY adding to

18 Article - Education
19 Section 6-112
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1997 Replacement Volume)

22 Preamble

23 WHEREAS, As the nation and this State seek to establish a world-class education
24 system, the development of excellent teachers is essential to achieving that goal; and

25 WHEREAS, The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards assists
26 teachers in their quest for excellence by assessing and certifying teachers throughout the
27 nation who demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed to assist students to meet high
28 standards of student achievement; and

29 WHEREAS, The mission of the National Board for Professional Teaching
30 Standards is to establish high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers
31 should know and be able to do, to develop and operate a national voluntary system to

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1 assess and certify teachers who meet these standards, and to advance related education
2 reforms for the purpose of improving student learning in American schools; and

3 WHEREAS, The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards provides a
4 fair and legitimate means of recognizing teacher excellence, that includes the
5 development of a school-site portfolio and participation in assessment activities, that will
6 result in improved student learning; and

7 WHEREAS, The citizens of the State will benefit from a program of State and local
8 aid that provides financial assistance to Maryland teachers seeking certification from the
9 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; now, therefore,

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article - Education**

13 6-112.

14 (A) THERE IS A PROGRAM OF STATE AND LOCAL AID TO TEACHERS WHO
15 PURSUE CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING
16 STANDARDS KNOWN AS THE STATE AND LOCAL AID PILOT PROGRAM FOR
17 CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING
18 STANDARDS.

19 (B) EACH SCHOOL YEAR, THE STATE BOARD SHALL SELECT 48 TEACHERS TO
20 PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

21 (C) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT AND
22 ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION,
23 INCLUDING:

24 (1) PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR AID; AND

25 (2) CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS OF AID.

26 (D) (1) EACH TEACHER SELECTED BY THE STATE BOARD TO RECEIVE AID
27 SHALL RECEIVE FROM THE STATE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE CERTIFICATION FEE
28 CHARGED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS.

29 (2) EACH COUNTY SHALL PAY TO THE STATE ONE-THIRD OF THE COST
30 OF CERTIFICATION FOR EACH TEACHER WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE PILOT
31 PROGRAM WHO TEACHES IN THE COUNTY.

32 (3) (I) A TEACHER WHO DOES NOT COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION
33 PROCESS SHALL REIMBURSE THE STATE THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE AID RECEIVED
34 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

35 (II) THE STATE SHALL REIMBURSE THE COUNTY THE AMOUNT
36 RECEIVED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION ON RECEIPT OF THE
37 REIMBURSEMENT OF AID FROM A TEACHER UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

1 (E) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE STAFF
2 DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT UTILIZES THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF TEACHERS
3 WHO HAVE OBTAINED NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Department of
5 Education shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State
6 Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before September 1, 1999 on the
7 status and success of the State and Local Aid Pilot Program for Certification by the
8 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 June 1, 1997. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years, and, at the end of June 1,
11 2000, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
12 abrogated and of no further force and effect.