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CHAPTER _____

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

18 BY adding to

19 Article - Education

20 Section 6-112

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (1997 Replacement Volume)

23 Preamble

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

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

5 WHEREAS, The mission of the National Board for Professional Teaching
6 Standards is to establish high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers
7 should know and be able to do, to develop and operate a national voluntary system to
8 assess and certify teachers who meet these standards, and to advance related education
9 reforms for the purpose of improving student learning in American schools; and

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

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

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

19 **Article - Education**

20 6-112.

21 (A) THERE IS A PROGRAM OF STATE AND LOCAL AID TO TEACHERS WHO
22 PURSUE CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING
23 STANDARDS KNOWN AS THE STATE AND LOCAL AID PILOT PROGRAM FOR
24 CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING
25 STANDARDS.

26 (B) EACH SCHOOL YEAR, THE STATE BOARD SHALL SELECT, CONSISTENT
27 WITH THE AMOUNT PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAM, A
28 MAXIMUM OF 48 TEACHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

29 (C) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT AND
30 ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION,
31 INCLUDING:

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

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

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

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

1 (3) (I) A TEACHER WHO DOES NOT COMPLETE ALL THE
2 ~~CERTIFICATION PROCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSESSMENT BY THE NATIONAL~~
3 BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS SHALL REIMBURSE THE STATE
4 THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE AID RECEIVED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT
5 PROGRAM.

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

9 (III) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH
10 DO NOT APPLY TO A TEACHER WHO COMPLETES ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
11 ASSESSMENT BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS
12 BUT WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE CERTIFICATION.

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

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

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 June 1, 1997. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years, and, at the end of June 1,
23 2000, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
24 abrogated and of no further force and effect.