

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 460 (Senators Pinsky and Van Hollen)  
Economic & Environmental Affairs and Budget & Taxation      Ref. to Ways & Means

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

This amended bill establishes a State and Local Aid Pilot Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards within the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). The State Board of Education is required to select, consistent with the amount provided in the State budget for the program, a maximum of 48 teachers to participate in the pilot program annually. The cost of the teacher certification fee charged by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards must be shared by the State and local school systems. The State Board of Education must establish a statewide staff development plan that utilizes the skills and knowledge of teachers who have obtained national board certification.

MSDE must report to the Governor and General Assembly on the status and success of the pilot program by September 1, 1999. The bill takes effect on June 1, 1997 and sunsets on June 1, 2000.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Assuming 48 teachers participate in the pilot program, general fund expenditures could increase by \$106,700 in FY 1998. Future year expenditures reflect annualization and inflation. Revenues would not be affected.

(\$ in dollars)	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	106,700	112,000	112,900	0	0
Net Effect	(\$106,700)	(\$112,000)	(\$112,900)	\$0	\$0

Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

**Local Effect:** Assuming 48 teachers participate in the pilot program, local expenditures could increase by a minimum of \$32,000 beginning in FY 1998. Revenues would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None. Small businesses would not be directly affected.

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## Fiscal Analysis

**State Expenditures:** General fund expenditures within MSDE could increase by \$106,700 in fiscal 1998, which accounts for a three month start-up delay. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring one contractual Staff Specialist to coordinate the application process, prepare registration materials, conduct program orientations, and screen applicants. It includes salaries, fringe benefits, one-time start-up costs, ongoing operating expenses, and the cost for teacher certification fees. Personnel costs are based on staffing at a similar state program in North Carolina. The information and assumptions used in calculating the estimate are stated below:

- The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards charges a \$2,000 certification fee per teacher;
- 48 teachers participating in the pilot program annually; and
- State required to pay two-thirds of the costs.

Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$33,681
Operating Expenses	8,996
Certification Fees	<u>64,000</u>
<b>Total FY 1998 State Expenditures</b>	<b>\$106,677</b>

Future year expenditures reflect 2% annual inflation increases.

**Local Expenditures:** The local cost (one-third of the certification fee) for the pilot program would total \$32,000 annually. In addition, school systems may have to provide several days of paid administrative leave for teachers participating in the certification process.

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