
By: **Senators Pinsky, Van Hollen, and Collins**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of making the pilot State and local aid program for teachers who are
5 selected to pursue certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching
6 Standards a permanent program in the State by repealing the termination date
7 for the program; and altering the number of teachers who may participate in the
8 program each year.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Education
11 Section 6-112
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Chapter 179 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997
16 Section 3

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 pursue
22 certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards known as the
23 State and Local Aid [Pilot] Program for Certification by the National Board for
24 Professional Teaching Standards.

25 (b) Each school year, the State Board shall select, consistent with the amount
26 provided in the State budget for the Program, a maximum of [48] 300 teachers to
27 participate in the [Pilot] Program.

1 (c) The State Board shall adopt regulations to implement and administer the
2 [Pilot] Program established under this section, including:

3 (1) Procedures for submitting applications for aid; and

4 (2) Criteria for the selection of recipients of aid.

5 (d) (1) Each teacher selected by the State Board to receive aid shall receive
6 from the State an amount equal to the certification fee charged by the National Board
7 for Professional Teaching Standards.

8 (2) Each county shall pay to the State one-third of the cost of
9 certification for each teacher who participates in the [Pilot] Program who teaches in
10 the county.

11 (3) (i) A teacher who does not complete all the requirements for
12 assessment by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall
13 reimburse the State the full amount of the aid received to participate in the [Pilot]
14 Program.

15 (ii) The State shall reimburse the county the amount received
16 under paragraph (2) of this subsection on receipt of the reimbursement of aid from a
17 teacher under this paragraph.

18 (iii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not
19 apply to a teacher who completes all the requirements for assessment by the National
20 Board for Professional Teaching Standards but who does not receive certification.

21 (e) The State Board shall establish a statewide staff development plan that
22 utilizes the skills and knowledge of teachers who have obtained National Board
23 certification.

24 **Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1997**

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 on June 1, 1997. [It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years, and, at the end of
27 June 1, 2000, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
28 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 October 1, 1999.