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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Certificated Professional Public School Employees -**
3 **Reconstitution Schools, Reconstitution-Eligible Schools, and Challenge**
4 **Schools - Stipend**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements governing certain State
6 stipends to allow certain certificated professional public school employees
7 employed by county boards of education and who work in certain schools to
8 qualify for the stipends; and generally relating to the qualifications and
9 monetary incentives for certain certificated professional public school employees
10 employed by county boards of education.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Education
13 Section 6-306
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Education**

19 6-306.

20 (a) In this section, "county grant for national certification" means an annual
21 grant distributed to a teacher certified by the National Board for Professional
22 Teaching Standards established:

23 (1) Outside of the collective bargaining process; or

24 (2) As part of a collective bargaining agreement with the local employee
25 organization.

26 (b) (1) For fiscal year 2000 and each subsequent fiscal year, the Governor
27 shall include in each year's operating budget funding for the stipends and bonuses
28 provided in this subsection.

1 (2) A classroom teacher who holds a standard professional certificate or
2 an advanced professional certificate who is employed by a county board and who
3 holds a certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
4 shall receive a stipend from the State in an amount equal to the county grant for
5 national certification, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per qualified teacher.

6 (3) (i) An individual who graduates from an accredited institution of
7 higher education in the top 10% of his or her class, becomes employed by a county
8 board, and remains employed as a classroom teacher in the public school system for a
9 minimum of 3 consecutive years shall receive a salary signing bonus of \$1,000.

10 (ii) If the individual leaves employment with the public school
11 system before the end of the 3-year commitment, the individual shall reimburse the
12 State in the amount of \$1,000.

13 (4) A [classroom teacher] CERTIFICATED PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC
14 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE, OTHER THAN AN ADMINISTRATOR, who [holds an advanced
15 professional certificate and teaches] IS EMPLOYED BY A COUNTY BOARD in a public
16 school identified by the State Board as a reconstitution school, a
17 reconstitution-eligible school, or a challenge school shall receive a stipend from the
18 State in the amount of \$2,000 for each year that the [teacher] EMPLOYEE performs
19 satisfactorily in the [classroom] PUBLIC SCHOOL.

20 (c) An individual who receives a stipend or bonus under subsection (b) of this
21 section may not be deemed an employee of the State.

22 (d) The employer of an individual who receives a stipend or bonus under
23 subsection (b) of this section shall pay the increase in fringe benefit costs associated
24 with the stipend or bonus.

25 (e) The Department shall act as fiscal agent for funds disbursed under this
26 section.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2001.