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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools - Specialists - Stipends**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Education, beginning with a
4 certain fiscal year and subject to the availability of funds, to qualify certain
5 specialists in the public schools to receive a certain stipend, up to a certain
6 maximum amount; requiring the State Board to give a certain priority to the
7 categories of the specialists who are the subject of this Act; and generally
8 relating to stipends for certain specialists in the public schools of the State.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Education
11 Section 6-306
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 6-306.

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

- 21 (1) Outside of the collective bargaining process; or
22 (2) As part of a collective bargaining agreement with the local employee
23 organization.

24 (b) (1) For fiscal year 2000 and each subsequent fiscal year, the Governor
25 shall include in each year's operating budget funding for the stipends and bonuses
26 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 with a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or its
8 equivalent, becomes employed by a county board, and remains employed as a
9 classroom teacher in the public school system for a minimum of 3 consecutive years
10 shall receive a salary signing bonus of \$1,000.

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

14 (4) A classroom teacher who holds an advanced professional certificate
15 and teaches in a public school identified by the State Board as a reconstitution school,
16 a reconstitution-eligible school, or a challenge school shall receive a stipend from the
17 State in the amount of \$2,000 for each year that the teacher performs satisfactorily in
18 the classroom.

19 (C) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER AND
20 SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, THE STATE BOARD MAY QUALIFY THE
21 FOLLOWING SPECIALISTS TO RECEIVE THE STIPEND PROVIDED BY SUBSECTION (B)
22 (2) OF THIS SECTION, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$2,000 FOR EACH QUALIFIED SPECIALIST:

23 (I) LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS;

24 (II) SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS;

25 (III) AUDILOGISTS; AND

26 (IV) ANY OTHER SPECIALIST COVERED UNDER COMAR 13A.12.03.

27 (2) IN MAKING ITS DECISIONS ON THE AWARD OF STIPENDS UNDER
28 THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO THE CATEGORIES OF
29 SPECIALISTS IN THE ORDER LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

30 [(c)] (D) An individual who receives a stipend or bonus under subsection (b)
31 OR (C) of this section may not be deemed an employee of the State.

32 [(d)] (E) The employer of an individual who receives a stipend or bonus under
33 subsection (b) OR (C) of this section shall pay the increase in fringe benefit costs
34 associated with the stipend or bonus.

35 [(e)] (F) The Department shall act as fiscal agent for funds disbursed under
36 this section.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2003.