

SENATE BILL 215

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Teachers in Public Schools that Provide Subsidized and Free**
3 **Feeding Programs - Bonuses**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county board to award certain teachers a certain
5 salary bonus if the teachers teach in a public school that provides a subsidized
6 and free feeding program to a certain percentage of the students attending that
7 public school; and generally relating to classroom teachers in schools that
8 provide a subsidized and free feeding program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Education
11 Section 6-306(b)
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 (b) (1) For fiscal year 2000 and each subsequent fiscal year, the Governor
19 shall include in each year's operating budget funding for the stipends and bonuses
20 provided in this subsection.

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

26 (3) (i) An individual who graduates from an accredited institution of
27 higher education with a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or its

1 equivalent, becomes employed by a county board, and remains employed as a
2 classroom teacher in the public school system for a minimum of 3 consecutive years
3 shall receive a salary signing bonus of \$1,000.

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

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

12 (5) A COUNTY BOARD MAY AWARD A CLASSROOM TEACHER A SALARY
13 BONUS OF UP TO \$1,000 IF THAT TEACHER TEACHES IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT
14 PROVIDES A SUBSIDIZED AND FREE FEEDING PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 7, SUBTITLE 6
15 OF THIS ARTICLE TO 20% OR MORE OF THE STUDENTS ATTENDING THAT PUBLIC
16 SCHOOL.

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