

ENROLLED BILL

-- Ways and Means/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs -- --

Introduced by **Delegates Rudolph and Elmore**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - ~~National Board Certified Teachers - Stipend Eligibility~~**
3 **School-Based Employees - Stipends**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~expanding the stipend eligibility for certain teachers to include an~~
5 ~~individual who has been assigned or promoted from classroom teacher to an~~
6 ~~instructional or classroom support position; and generally relating to stipends~~
7 ~~for national board certified classroom teachers~~ providing for certain stipends for
8 certain school-based employees under certain circumstances; updating certain
9 terms; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the provision of stipends
10 to certificated school-based employees.

11 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
12 ~~Article - Education~~
13 ~~Section 6-306(a) and (b)(1)~~
14 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
15 ~~(2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)~~

1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 2 Article - Education
 3 Section ~~6-306(b)(2)~~ 6-306
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

8 **Article - Education**

9 6-306.

10 (a) (1) In this section, "~~county~~ SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
 11 MEANINGS INDICATED.

12 (2) "COUNTY grant for national certification" means an annual grant
 13 distributed to a teacher certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching
 14 Standards established:

15 ~~(1)~~ (I) Outside of the collective bargaining process; or

16 ~~(2)~~ (II) As part of a collective bargaining agreement with the local
 17 employee organization.

18 (3) "SCHOOL-BASED EMPLOYEE" MEANS A CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEE
 19 WHO WORKS DIRECTLY WITH STUDENTS OR TEACHERS AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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

23 (2) A classroom teacher ~~OR INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED OR~~
 24 ~~PROMOTED FROM A CLASSROOM TEACHER TO AN INSTRUCTIONAL OR CLASSROOM~~
 25 ~~SUPPORT POSITION~~ OTHER NONADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL-BASED EMPLOYEE {who
 26 holds a standard professional certificate or an advanced professional certificate who
 27 is employed by a county board and who holds a certificate issued by the National
 28 Board for Professional Teaching Standards} shall receive a stipend from the State in
 29 an amount equal to the county grant for national certification, up to a maximum of
 30 \$2,000 per qualified [teacher] ~~INDIVIDUAL IF THE CLASSROOM TEACHER OR~~
 31 ~~INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED OR PROMOTED FROM A CLASSROOM~~
 32 ~~TEACHER TO AN INSTRUCTIONAL OR CLASSROOM SUPPORT POSITION:~~

33 ~~(I)~~ (I) ~~HOLDS A STANDARD PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE OR AN~~
 34 ~~ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE;~~

35 ~~(II)~~ (II) ~~IS EMPLOYED BY A COUNTY BOARD; AND~~

1 (III) HOLDS A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR
2 PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS.

3 (3) (i) An individual who graduates from an accredited institution of
4 higher education with a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or its
5 equivalent, becomes employed by a county board, and remains employed as a
6 classroom teacher in the public school system for a minimum of 3 consecutive years
7 shall receive a salary signing bonus of \$1,000.

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

11 (4) A classroom teacher who holds an advanced professional certificate
12 and teaches in a public school identified by the State Board as a [reconstitution
13 school, a reconstitution eligible school,] SCHOOL IN CORRECTIVE ACTION, A SCHOOL
14 IN RESTRUCTURING, or a challenge school shall receive a stipend from the State in the
15 amount of \$2,000 for each year that the teacher performs satisfactorily in the
16 classroom.

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

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

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

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2005.