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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Quality Teacher Incentive Act - Increasing Participation**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum number of teachers selected each year to  
4 participate in the State and Local Aid Program for Certification by the National  
5 Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and generally relating to  
6 participation in the Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Education  
9 Section 6-112  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Education**

15 6-112.

16 (a) There is a program of State and local aid to teachers who pursue  
17 certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards known as the  
18 State and Local Aid Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional  
19 Teaching Standards.

20 (b) Each school year, the State Board shall select, consistent with the amount  
21 provided in the State budget for the Program, a maximum of [500] 750 teachers to  
22 participate in the Program.

23 (c) The State Board shall adopt regulations to implement and administer the  
24 Program established under this section, including:

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

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

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

4 (2) Each county shall pay to the State one-third of the cost of  
5 certification for each teacher who participates in the Program who teaches in the  
6 county.

7 (3) (i) A teacher who does not complete all the requirements for  
8 assessment by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall  
9 reimburse the State the full amount of the aid received to participate in the Program.

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

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

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

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