

---

By: **Senators Pinsky, Britt, Conway, Dyson, Grosfeld, and ~~Hollinger~~  
Hollinger, and Green**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2005

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

---

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: February 22, 2005

---

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - School-Based Employees - Stipends**

3 FOR the purpose of providing for certain stipends for certain school-based employees  
4 under certain circumstances; updating certain terms; defining certain terms;  
5 and generally relating to the provision of stipends to certificated school-based  
6 employees.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Education  
9 Section 6-306  
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 6-306.

16 (a) (1) In this section[,] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
17 INDICATED.

18 (2) ["county] "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:

1 [1] (I) Outside of the collective bargaining process; or

2 [2] (II) As part of a collective bargaining agreement with the local  
3 employee organization.

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

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

9 (2) A classroom teacher OR OTHER NONADMINISTRATIVE  
10 SCHOOL-BASED EMPLOYEE who holds a standard professional certificate or an  
11 advanced professional certificate who is employed by a county board and who holds a  
12 certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall  
13 receive a stipend from the State in an amount equal to the county grant for national  
14 certification, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per qualified [teacher] INDIVIDUAL.

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

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

23 (4) A classroom teacher who holds an advanced professional certificate  
24 and teaches in a public school identified by the State Board as a ~~reconstitution school,~~  
25 ~~a reconstitution-eligible school,~~ SCHOOL IN CORRECTIVE ACTION, A SCHOOL IN  
26 RESTRUCTURING, or a challenge school shall receive a stipend from the State in the  
27 amount of \$2,000 for each year that the teacher performs satisfactorily in the  
28 classroom.

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

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

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

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

