

HOUSE BILL 274

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Ways and Means / Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Delegates Kaiser, Barkley, Bohanan, Cane, Donoghue, Feldman, George, Gutierrez, Heller, Howard, Hubbard, N. King, Kipke, Krebs, Kullen, Lawton, Manno, Mizeur, Montgomery, Olszewski, Pena-Melnyk, Proctor, Riley, Shewell, and Waldstreicher**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

Proofreader.

Proofreader.

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 **Study Commission to Explore the Expanded Application of State Stipends for**
3 **National Certification of Teachers**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Study Commission to Explore the Expanded
5 Application of State Stipends for National Certification of Teachers; providing
6 for the membership of the Study Commission; requiring the Governor to
7 designate the chair of the Study Commission; requiring the State Department of
8 Education to provide staff for the Study Commission; providing that a member

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 of the Study Commission may not receive compensation but is entitled to
2 certain reimbursement; requiring the Study Commission to assess the rigor of
3 national certification for certain occupations and determine how these national
4 certifications compare to national teacher certification and make certain
5 recommendations; requiring the Study Commission to report certain findings
6 and recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly on or before
7 a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating
8 to the expanded application of State stipends for national certification of
9 teachers.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 6–306(a) and (b)(2)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 6–306.

19 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (2) “County grant for national certification” means an annual grant
21 distributed to a teacher certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching
22 Standards established:

23 (i) Outside of the collective bargaining process; or

24 (ii) As part of a collective bargaining agreement with the local
25 employee organization.

26 (3) “School–based employee” means a certificated employee who works
27 directly with students or teachers at a public school.

28 (b) (2) A classroom teacher or other nonadministrative school–based
29 employee who holds a standard professional certificate or an advanced professional
30 certificate who is employed by a county board and who holds a certificate issued by the
31 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall receive a stipend from the
32 State in an amount equal to the county grant for national certification, up to a
33 maximum of \$2,000 per qualified individual.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

2 (a) There is a Study Commission to Explore the Expanded Application of
3 State Stipends for National Certification of Teachers under § 6–306(b)(2) of the
4 Education Article.

5 (b) The Study Commission consists of the following members:

6 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
7 of the Senate;

8 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
9 the House;

10 (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's
11 designee; and

12 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

13 (i) one individual who holds a certificate issued by the National
14 Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

15 (ii) one representative of the National Board for Professional
16 Teaching Standards;

17 (iii) two local superintendents;

18 (iv) two representatives of local school systems that employ
19 individuals who hold a certificate issued by the National Board for Professional
20 Teaching Standards;

21 (v) one representative from a private Maryland university that
22 has a program of teacher education; and

23 (vi) one representative from a public Maryland university that
24 has a program of teacher education.

25 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Study Commission.

26 (d) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the Study
27 Commission.

1 (e) A member of the Study Commission:

2 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Study
3 Commission; but

4 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
5 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

6 (f) The Study Commission shall:

7 (1) assess the rigor of national certification for speech–language
8 pathologists, occupational therapists, school psychologists, physical therapists, school
9 counselors, and others to determine how each of these national certifications compares
10 to national teacher certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching
11 Standards;

12 (2) invite academic experts to submit testimony; and

13 (3) make recommendations regarding whether the stipends awarded
14 to teachers and other school–based employees under § 6–306(b)(2) of the Education
15 Article should be expanded to include speech–language pathologists, occupational
16 therapists, physical therapists, school psychologists, school counselors, or others.

17 (g) On or before December 31, 2007, the Study Commission shall report its
18 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of
19 the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

20 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,
22 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
23 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.