

CHAPTER 309

(Senate Bill 57)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Teachers – State and Local Aid Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

FOR the purpose of including the renewal of certain certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as part of a certain State and local aid program; altering the maximum number of teachers who may be selected to participate in a certain program; authorizing the State Board of Education to provide certain aid to certain participants for certain retakes of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards assessment; extending a certain termination date; requiring the State Department of Education to request a certain amount of money needed to provide at least all eligible teachers with certain funds in a certain budget request; and generally relating to the State and Local Aid Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 6–112

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2006 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 179 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997, as amended by Chapter 536 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999, Chapter 61 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000, and Chapter 240 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004

Section 3

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

Article – Education

6–112.

(a) There is a program of State and local aid to teachers who pursue certification **OR RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION** by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards known as the State and Local Aid Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

(b) Each school year, the State Board shall select, consistent with the amount provided in the State budget for the Program, a maximum of [750] **1,000** teachers to participate in the Program.

(C) THE STATE BOARD MAY PROVIDE AID UNDER THE PROGRAM TO A PARTICIPANT FOR UP TO ONE RETAKE OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL ENTRY ON THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS ASSESSMENT.

[(c)] **(D)** The State Board shall adopt regulations to implement and administer the Program established under this section, including:

- (1) Procedures for submitting applications for aid; and
- (2) Criteria for the selection of recipients of aid.

[(d)] **(E)** (1) [Each] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, EACH** teacher selected by the State Board to receive aid shall receive from the State an amount equal to the certification fee charged by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

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

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

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

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

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

Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1997, as amended by Chapter 536 of the Acts of 1999, Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2000, and Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2004

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1997. It shall remain effective for a period of [11] **16** years **AND 1 MONTH**, and, at the end of [May 31, 2008] **JUNE 30, 2013**, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in making a budget request for the State and Local Aid Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards under § 6–112 of the Education Article, the Maryland State Department of Education shall request the total amount of money that would be needed to provide at least all eligible teachers with funds to cover initial certification, renewal of certification, and the funding of up to one retake of an unsuccessful entry on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards assessment.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.