

SENATE BILL 399

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By: **Senator Astle**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2008

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – State Matching Stipends – National Certification**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in each year’s operating budget
4 funding for a certain stipend for certain teachers and nonadministrative
5 school-based employees who hold certain certificates and who are employed by
6 the Anne Arundel County Board of Education; and generally relating to State
7 matching stipends for qualified teachers and employees in Anne Arundel
8 County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 6–306
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 6–306.

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (3) "School-based employee" means a certificated employee who works
4 directly with students or teachers at a public school.

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

8 (2) (I) A classroom teacher or other nonadministrative
9 school-based employee who holds a standard professional certificate or an advanced
10 professional certificate who is employed by a county board and who holds a certificate
11 issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall receive a
12 stipend from the State in an amount equal to the county grant for national
13 certification, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per qualified individual.

14 (II) **A CLASSROOM TEACHER OR OTHER**
15 **NONADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL-BASED EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE**
16 **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND HOLDS A CERTIFICATE**
17 **ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS**
18 **SHALL ALSO RECEIVE A "S.T.E.M. STIPEND" FROM THE STATE IN AN AMOUNT**
19 **EQUAL TO ONE-THIRD OF THE "S.T.E.M. STIPEND" PROVIDED BY ANNE**
20 **ARUNDEL COUNTY, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL, IF**
21 **THE TEACHER OR EMPLOYEE ALSO HOLDS A STANDARD PROFESSIONAL**
22 **CERTIFICATE OR AN ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN:**

23 **1. EARLY ADOLESCENCE/MATHEMATICS;**

24 **2. ADOLESCENCE AND YOUNG**
25 **ADULTHOOD/MATHEMATICS;**

26 **3. EARLY ADOLESCENCE/SCIENCE;**

27 **4. ADOLESCENCE AND YOUNG**
28 **ADULTHOOD/SCIENCE; OR**

29 **5. EARLY ADOLESCENCE THROUGH YOUNG**
30 **ADULTHOOD/CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.**

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

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

4 (4) A classroom teacher who holds an advanced professional certificate
5 and teaches in a public school identified by the State Board as a school in corrective
6 action, a school in restructuring, or a challenge school shall receive a stipend from the
7 State in the amount of \$2,000 for each year that the teacher performs satisfactorily in
8 the classroom.

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

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

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

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2008.