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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 399 (Senator Astle)  
 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Anne Arundel County - State Matching Stipends - National Certification**

This bill establishes a State “S.T.E.M. stipend” for math, science, and technical education teachers in Anne Arundel County who are certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The stipend is equal to one-third of the S.T.E.M. stipend provided by Anne Arundel County, up to a maximum of \$500 for each qualified teacher.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Assuming the county provides S.T.E.M. stipends, general fund expenditures would increase by \$5,000 in FY 2010 to pay matching stipends to 10 qualified Anne Arundel County teachers. Out-year costs reflect the assumption that two additional teachers will qualify for the increased stipend each year.

(in dollars)	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	0	5,000	6,000	7,000	8,000
Net Effect	\$0	(\$5,000)	(\$6,000)	(\$7,000)	(\$8,000)

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** Potential expenditure increase of \$15,000 by Anne Arundel County in FY 2010 to provide stipends for eligible county teachers. Potential revenue increase of \$5,000 in matching funds from the State if the county opts to provide S.T.E.M. stipends to eligible county teachers.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

## **Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Quality Teacher Incentive Act of 1999 (Chapter 600) provides a \$2,000 State match for any stipend paid by local school systems to teachers who achieve certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

**Background:** The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards was founded in 1987 at the recommendation of the Carnegie Task Force on Teaching as a Profession. A core component of the board's mission is to provide a voluntary national system for certifying teachers who meet rigorous standards. National certification is designed to complement, not replace, state licensing and certification systems.

The Maryland State Department of Education reports that 822 Maryland teachers were national board-certified during the 2006-07 school year. A recent breakdown by county is not available, but Anne Arundel County reports that it has 124 teachers with national board certificates, of whom 10 teach in the designated content areas. **Exhibit 1** shows the annual stipends provided by each local school system to teachers who achieve national board certification.

**State Expenditures:** Anne Arundel County does not currently provide an additional stipend for science, math, and technical education teachers who are national board certified. Assuming the county agrees to provide S.T.E.M. stipends to qualifying teachers, general fund expenditures could increase by approximately \$5,000 in fiscal 2010 to provide the State match for 10 county teachers.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** The bill does not require Anne Arundel County to provide additional stipends to eligible teachers. However, if it chooses to pursue the available State matching funds, expenditures by the county could increase by as much as \$15,000 in fiscal 2010 for the 10 eligible teachers.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**Local Stipends for Teachers with National Board Certification**

<u>County</u>	<u>Annual Stipend</u>
Allegany	\$1,964
Anne Arundel	\$2,000
Baltimore City	\$4,000
Baltimore	\$2,000
Calvert	\$2,500
Caroline	\$2,000
Carroll	\$5,000
Cecil	\$2,000
Charles	\$2,500
Dorchester	\$2,000
Frederick	\$2,000
Garrett	\$2,000
Harford	\$2,000
Howard	\$1,500
Kent	\$2,000
Montgomery	\$2,000
Prince George's	\$5,000
Queen Anne's	\$2,000
St. Mary's	\$3,000
Somerset	\$2,000
Talbot	\$2,000
Washington	\$2,000
Wicomico	\$2,000
Worcester	\$2,000

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

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