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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-706, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending its title to read:

4 "~~§302A-706 [Teacher national]~~ National board certification
5 incentive program."

6 2. By amending subsection (a) to read:

7 "(a) There is established within the department the
8 [~~teacher~~] national board certification incentive program to
9 recognize and support exemplary [~~teaching~~] educational practice
10 by supporting public school teachers, counselors, and school
11 psychologists who have achieved national board certification
12 under the certification program of the National Board for
13 Professional Teaching Standards[~~-~~], National Board of Certified
14 Counselors, or National Association of School Psychologists.
15 The [~~teacher~~] national board certification incentive program
16 shall provide:



- 1 (1) A \$5,000 bonus per year for each public school
2 teacher, counselor, or school psychologist who
3 maintains current national board certification;
- 4 (2) \$1,500 upon completing all components of the
5 certification program of the National Board for
6 Professional Teaching Standards;
- 7 (3) A reimbursement of the remainder of the national board
8 certification application fee upon achievement of
9 national board certification; and
- 10 (4) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year for each public
11 school teacher, counselor, or school psychologist who
12 maintains current national board certification and who
13 ~~teaches~~ is employed at:
 - 14 (A) A school in a focus, priority, or
15 superintendent's zone, or other similar
16 designation, as determined by the department;
 - 17 (B) A school with a high turnover rate, as determined
18 by the department; ~~or~~
 - 19 (C) A hard-to-fill school, as determined by the
20 department ~~or~~ or



1 (5) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year for any public
2 school teacher, counselor, or school psychologist who
3 received a yearly bonus pursuant to paragraph (4);
4 provided that the teacher, counselor, or school
5 psychologist maintains national board certification
6 and continues working in the same school after the
7 school transitions out of the qualifying designation
8 pursuant to paragraph (4). The teacher, counselor, or
9 school psychologist shall receive the additional bonus
10 from the time the school no longer meets any of the
11 criteria under paragraph (4) until the end date of the
12 teacher, counselor, or school psychologist's ten-year
13 national board certification in effect at the time the
14 school lost its designation, or until the teacher,
15 counselor, or school psychologist is no longer
16 employed at the school, whichever occurs first."

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Education; National Board Certification Incentive Program

Description:

Expands the national board certification incentive program to provide greater monetary incentives to public school counselors and school psychologists. Authorizes continuing bonuses for teachers, counselors, and school psychologists in designated high-need schools that improve and become no longer designated as such.

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