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SENATE BILL 5714

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By Senators Tom, Jarrett, and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to conditional funding for teachers to pursue  
2 national board for professional teaching standards certification;  
3 amending RCW 28A.405.415; adding a new section to chapter 28A.410 RCW;  
4 and creating a new section.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares:

7 (1) The national board for professional teaching standards has  
8 established high and rigorous standards for what highly accomplished  
9 teachers should know and be able to do in order to increase students'  
10 learning results;

11 (2) The national board certifies teachers who meet these standards  
12 through a rigorous, performance-based assessment process;

13 (3) A certificate awarded by the national board attests that a  
14 teacher has met high and rigorous standards and has demonstrated the  
15 ability to make sound professional judgments about how to best meet  
16 students' learning needs and effectively help students meet challenging  
17 academic standards; and

18 (4) Teachers who pursue national board certification should receive

1 funding assistance in order to encourage more teachers to pursue  
2 certification for the benefit of Washington students.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Certificated instructional staff who have met the eligibility  
6 requirements and have applied for certification from the national board  
7 for professional teaching standards shall receive a conditional twenty-  
8 five hundred dollars for the assessment fee. The fee shall be an  
9 advance on the first annual bonus under RCW 28A.405.415. The  
10 assessment fee for national certification is provided in addition to  
11 compensation received under a district's salary schedule adopted in  
12 accordance with RCW 28A.405.200 and shall not be included in  
13 calculations of a district's average salary and associated salary  
14 limitation under RCW 28A.400.200.

15 (2) Recipients who fail to receive certification after three years  
16 are required to repay the twenty-five hundred dollars. The office of  
17 the superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to define  
18 the terms for repayment, including applicable fees.

19 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.405.415 and 2008 c 175 s 2 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 (1)(a) Except as provided in section 2 of this act, certificated  
22 instructional staff who have attained certification from the national  
23 board for professional teaching standards shall receive a bonus each  
24 year in which they maintain the certification. The bonus shall be  
25 calculated as follows: The annual bonus shall be five thousand dollars  
26 in the 2007-08 school year. Thereafter, the annual bonus shall  
27 increase by inflation.

28 (b) Certificated instructional staff who receive an advance under  
29 section 2 of this act shall receive the remainder of their first annual  
30 bonus during the first year they are eligible for the bonus under this  
31 section.

32 (2) Certificated instructional staff who have attained  
33 certification from the national board for professional teaching  
34 standards shall be eligible for bonuses in addition to that provided by  
35 subsection (1) of this section if the individual is in an instructional

1 assignment in a school in which at least seventy percent of the  
2 students qualify for the free and reduced-price lunch program.

3 (3) The amount of the additional bonus under subsection (2) of this  
4 section for those meeting the qualifications of subsection (2) of this  
5 section is five thousand dollars.

6 (4) The bonuses provided under this section are in addition to  
7 compensation received under a district's salary schedule adopted in  
8 accordance with RCW 28A.405.200 and shall not be included in  
9 calculations of a district's average salary and associated salary  
10 limitations under RCW 28A.400.200.

11 (5) Except for an advance received under section 2 of this act, the  
12 bonuses provided under this section shall be paid in a lump sum amount.

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