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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
125TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 618,
L.D. 1781, Bill, "An Act To Restructure the National Board Certification Program for
Teachers"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 1 to 4 and inserting the
following:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13007, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 528, Pt. I, §5
and affected by Pt. RRR and enacted by c. 591, Pt. I, §5, is amended to read:

2. Accounting. The commissioner shall:

A. Collect and account for all certificate fees; ~~and~~

B. Report and pay ~~these~~ fees collected pursuant to subsection 1, except those fees
collected and credited to the National Board Certification Scholarship Fund pursuant
to paragraph C and the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund
pursuant to paragraph D, to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the General Fund;

C. Report and pay \$50,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 and \$75,000 in fiscal year 2013-14
and each fiscal year thereafter from fees collected pursuant to subsection 1 to the
Treasurer of State to be credited to the National Board Certification Scholarship
Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Education;
and

D. Report and pay no more than \$150,000 in fiscal year 2012-13, no more than
\$240,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and no more than \$335,000 in fiscal year 2014-15
from fees collected pursuant to subsection 1 to the Treasurer of State to be credited to
the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund, Other Special Revenue
Funds account within the Department of Education.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13013-A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 58, §3 and c. 240, Pt.
D, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

§13013-A. Salary supplements for national board-certified teachers

1. Department of Education salary supplement. Notwithstanding any other
provision of law, the Department of Education shall provide a public school teacher or a
teacher in a publicly supported secondary school who has attained certification from the

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1 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, or its successor organization, ~~as of~~
2 ~~July 1, 2006 or thereafter~~ with an annual national board certification salary supplement of
3 ~~\$3,000~~ for the life of the certificate. The salary supplement must be added to the teacher's
4 base salary and must be considered in the calculation for contributions to the Maine
5 Public Employees Retirement System. If a nationally certified teacher ~~becomes~~ is no
6 longer employed as a ~~classroom teacher in the field of that teacher's national certification,~~
7 the supplement ceases. The amount of the salary supplement is:

8 A. For fiscal year 2012-13, \$2,500;

9 B. For fiscal year 2013-14, \$2,750; and

10 C. For fiscal year 2014-15 and succeeding years, \$3,000.

11 1-A. Funding revenue. The National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund
12 is established as a nonlapsing dedicated fund within the Department of Education
13 beginning in fiscal year 2012-13. The salary supplement under subsection 1 must be
14 funded from fees collected by the department pursuant to section 13007, subsection 1.

15 2. Local filing; certification. On or before October 15th annually, the
16 superintendent of schools of a school administrative unit or the chief administrative
17 officer of a publicly supported secondary school or a career and technical education
18 region shall file with the commissioner a certified list of national board-certified teachers
19 eligible to receive the salary supplement pursuant to subsection 1.

20 3. Payment. The department shall provide the salary supplement to school
21 administrative units and publicly supported secondary schools for eligible teachers no
22 later than February 15th of each year.

23 4. Expend funds. A school administrative unit or a publicly supported secondary
24 school may expend funds received through the salary supplement under subsection 1
25 without calling for a special meeting of the local legislative body.

26 5. Scholarship fund. The National Board Certification Scholarship Fund is
27 established as a nonlapsing dedicated fund, referred to in this subsection as "the
28 scholarship fund," within the Department of Education to encourage teachers to apply to
29 and enroll in the certification program offered by the National Board for Professional
30 Teaching Standards or its successor organization, referred to in this subsection and
31 subsection 6 as "the certification program." A school administrative unit or a publicly
32 supported secondary school may request scholarship funds on behalf of its teachers who
33 meet the requirements set forth in subsection 6. The department shall award funds
34 according to this subsection.

35 A. In fiscal year 2012-13, the department shall allocate \$50,000 from fees collected
36 by the department pursuant to section 13007, subsection 1 to the scholarship fund.
37 The department shall award an amount equal to the cost of the certification program
38 less any other funds received by the applicant on a first-come first-served basis for
39 the first 20 teachers accepted into the certification program annually.

40 B. Beginning in fiscal year 2013-14, the department shall allocate \$75,000 from fees
41 collected by the department pursuant to section 13007, subsection 1 each fiscal year
42 to the scholarship fund. The department shall award an amount equal to the cost of

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1 enrollment in the certification program less any other funds received by the applicant
2 to not more than 30 teachers accepted into the program annually.

3 **6. Eligibility requirements.** In order to receive scholarship funds according to
4 subsection 5 on behalf of a teacher, the school administrative unit or a publicly supported
5 secondary school must certify to the department that the teacher:

6 A. Is currently employed by a school administrative unit or a publicly supported
7 secondary school;

8 B. Has completed at least 3 years of teaching in the State;

9 C. Has agreed to mentor at least one other teacher employed in the State through the
10 national board certification process to apply to and enroll in the certification program;

11 D. Has provided documentation of acceptance into the certification program; and

12 E. Has disclosed any other funds received to cover the cost of the certification
13 program.

14 **7. Nonlapsing funds.** Any unencumbered balance of the National Board
15 Certification Scholarship Fund under subsection 5 remaining at the end of a fiscal year
16 may not lapse but must be carried forward to be used for the same purpose.

17 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15689-A, sub-§12,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 519, Pt.
18 AAAA, §16, is amended to read:

19 **12. National board certification salary supplement.** The commissioner may pay
20 annual salary supplement payments to public school administrative units or a publicly
21 supported secondary school for payment to school teachers who have attained
22 certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or its successor
23 organization pursuant to section 13013-A.

24 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
25 allocations are made.

26 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

27 **National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund N134**

28 Initiative: Allocates funds for salary supplements for those teachers who have attained
29 certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

30	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2011-12	2012-13
31	All Other	\$0	\$150,000
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33	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>

34 **National Board Certification Scholarship Fund N133**

35 Initiative: Allocates funds to encourage certain teachers to apply to and enroll in the
36 certificate program offered by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

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1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2011-12	2012-13
2	All Other	\$0	\$50,000
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4	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$50,000

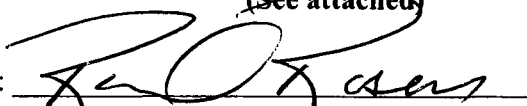
5	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
6	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2011-12	2012-13
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8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$200,000
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10	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$200,000
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SUMMARY

This amendment restructures the salary supplement incentive established for teachers who attain certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The amendment provides that, in fiscal year 2012-13, a salary supplement of \$2,500 must be awarded to national board-certified teachers; in fiscal year 2013-14, a salary supplement of \$2,750 is awarded to national board-certified teachers; and in fiscal year 2014-15 and succeeding years, a salary supplement of \$3,000 is awarded to national board-certified teachers. The amendment establishes, beginning in fiscal year 2012-13, the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund. The salary supplement must be funded through a portion of teacher certification fees collected by the Department of Education. The amendment also establishes an incentive to encourage teachers with at least 3 years of experience who agree to mentor another teacher through the national board certification process to apply for national board certification. The amendment provides that, beginning with fiscal year 2012-13, the department must establish a nonlapsing scholarship fund to encourage teachers to apply to and enroll in the certification program of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: 
 (Senator ROSEN, R.)
 COUNTY: Hancock



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LD 1781

LR 2635(04)

An Act To Restructure the National Board Certification Program for Teachers

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" **S-610**

Sponsor: Sen. Rosen of Hancock

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$406,720)	(\$291,720)	(\$196,720)
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$307,500)	(\$304,500)	(\$304,000)
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	\$406,720	\$291,720	\$196,720
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$406,720)	(\$291,720)	(\$196,720)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment reduces the amount of General Fund revenue to be transferred to the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund by \$406,720 in fiscal year 2012-13, \$291,720 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$196,720 in fiscal year 2014-15.

The amendment provides that only the additional funding estimated to be needed to support the scholarship provisions and the salary supplements to eligible teachers who attain certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards beyond the \$307,551 currently allocated as a miscellaneous cost within the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program General Fund account be paid with revenue collected from teacher certification fees.

As amended, the bill will result in decreases in General Fund revenue of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2012-13, \$315,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$410,000 in fiscal year 2014-14 and corresponding increases in dedicated revenue of the same amounts. As amended, this bill establishes the National Board Certification Scholarship Fund and the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund as dedicated funds within the Department of Education and provides Other Special Revenue Funds allocations totaling \$200,000 in fiscal year 2012-13. Of that amount, \$150,000 is allocated to the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund for the additional costs of providing salary supplements to an estimated 183 certified teachers at \$2,500 each and \$50,000 is allocated to the National Board Certification Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships for the first 20 teachers accepted into the national teacher board certification program.

The salary supplement amount increases to \$2,750 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$3,000 in fiscal year 2014-15. Beginning in fiscal year 2012-14, the amount allocated to the Scholarship Fund increases to \$75,000 per year and the number of teachers who can receive scholarship funds increases to a maximum of 30 teachers.