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STATE OF MAINE

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125TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary 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 renewal fees collected for each active and inactive teacher and education specialist 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 renewal fees collected for each active and inactive teacher and education specialist 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 renewal fees collected for each active and inactive teacher and education specialist 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 beginning in fiscal year 2012-13. The salary supplement under subsection 1
13 must be funded from fees collected by the department pursuant to section 13007,
14 subsection 1 for renewal of a certificate under section 13016.

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 career and technical education region
18 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 eligible teachers
21 no later than February 15th of each year.

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

25 **5. Scholarship fund.** The National Board Certification Scholarship Fund is
26 established. In fiscal year 2012-13, the department shall allocate \$50,000 from fees
27 collected by the department pursuant to section 13007, subsection 1 for renewal of a
28 certificate under section 13016 to the National Board Certification Scholarship Fund to
29 encourage teachers who have completed at least 3 years of teaching in the State and who
30 agree to mentor at least one other teacher employed in the State through the national
31 board certification process to apply and enroll in the certification program offered by the
32 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or its successor organization. The
33 department shall award an amount equal to the cost of the program less any other funds
34 received by the applicant on a first-come first-served basis for the first 20 teachers
35 accepted into the national teacher board certification program annually. Beginning in
36 fiscal year 2013-14, the department shall allocate additional funds that result in a total of
37 \$75,000 each fiscal year to the National Board Certification Scholarship Fund from fees
38 collected by the department pursuant to section 13007, subsection 1 for renewal of a
39 certificate under section 13016. The department shall award an amount equal to the cost
40 of enrollment in the national teacher board certification program less any other funds
41 received by the applicant to not more than 30 teachers accepted into the program
42 annually.

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1 6. Nonlapsing funds. Any unencumbered balance of the National Board
2 Certification Scholarship Fund under subsection 5 remaining at the end of a fiscal year
3 may not lapse but must be carried forward to be used for the same purpose.

4 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15689-A, sub-§12,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 519, Pt.
5 AAAA, §16, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
7 allocations are made.

8 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

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

10 Initiative: Provides funds for a salary supplement for those teachers who have attained
11 certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

12	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2011-12	2012-13
13	All Other	\$0	\$457,500
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15	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$457,500</u>

16 **National Board Certification Scholarship Fund N133**

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

19	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2011-12	2012-13
20	All Other	\$0	\$50,000
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22	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

23 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**
24 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

25		2011-12	2012-13
26	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$507,500
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28	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$507,500</u>

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This amendment restructures the salary supplement incentive established for teachers
32 who attain certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.
33 The amendment provides that, in fiscal year 2012-13, a salary supplement of \$2,500 must
34 be awarded to national board certified teachers; in fiscal year 2013-14, a salary
35 supplement of \$2,750 is awarded to national board certified teachers; and in fiscal year
36 2014-15 and succeeding years, a salary supplement of \$3,000 is awarded to national

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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 fees collected by the Department of Education for teacher recertification. 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 certificate program of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The amendment also removes a reference to the national board certification salary supplement in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15689-A. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1781

LR 2635(02)

An Act To Restructure the National Board Certification Program for Teachers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-488

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

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	\$606,720	\$606,720	\$606,720
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$507,500	\$619,500	\$714,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$606,720)	(\$606,720)	(\$606,720)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$606,720	\$606,720	\$606,720

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Providing that salary supplements to eligible teachers who attain certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards be paid with revenue collected from teacher certification renewal fees will result in an estimated decrease in General Fund revenue of approximately \$606,720 per year beginning in fiscal year 2012-13 and a corresponding increase in dedicated revenue of the same amount. This estimate is based on the average revenue received from teacher certification renewal fees from fiscal year 2006-07 through fiscal year 2010-2011. It appears that revenues generated from teacher certification renewal fees will be sufficient to cover the costs of the salary supplements through fiscal year 2013-14. However, a fee increase may be required beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 to fully fund this initiative.

The 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 \$507,500 in fiscal year 2012-13. Of that amount, \$457,500 is allocated to the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund for the cost of providing the 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.

This legislation provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2012-13, certified teachers from publicly supported secondary schools are also eligible to receive the salary supplement, along with public school teachers. This fiscal note assumes an increase of approximately 25 certified teachers from the fiscal year 2011-12 level of 158, to reflect both those certified teachers from publicly supported secondary schools becoming eligible for the salary supplement and an increase in the number of public school teachers who have become certified. The fiscal note also assumes that the number of additional teachers who will qualify for the salary supplement will increase by 15 per year beginning in fiscal year 2013-14.