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**Date:** January 2, 2020

**Source of Report:** PL 2019, Chapter 394, LD 1549: An Act to Increase the Supplement for Certain National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certified Teachers in Maine

**Topic:** National Board Certification

### **Context**

This memo serves as the report that the Department of Education is required to submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs which:

- a. calculates the full funding necessary to fund 100% of the costs of the increase in the national board certification salary supplement for FY 20-21, and
- b. calculates 100% of the costs of the funding necessary to fund the National Board Scholarship Fund for FY 20 -21.

### **Findings**

#### **Salary Supplement**

Based on the data the Department received from school districts regarding currently employed National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) during fiscal year 2019-20, the combined cost for the salary supplement for NBCTs teaching in schools with less than 50% of students eligible for free and reduced lunch and NBCTs teaching in schools with 50% or more students eligible for free and reduced lunch is \$953,500.00. The current estimated budget allocation available to support the NBCT salary supplement program is \$642,551.00. The Department would need \$310,949.00 allocated to meet the salary supplement allowance for current NBCTs. The full funding necessary to fund 100% of the costs of the increase from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for NBCTs teaching in schools with 50% or more students eligible for free and reduced lunch is \$175,000.00.

#### **Scholarship Fund**

The fee structure for the national board program changed during school year 2014-2015. As a result, the \$75,000.00 annual allocation may support more than the 30 teachers allowed in statute.

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| FY21 Salary Supplement Cost: | \$953,500.00 |
| FY21 Scholarship Amount:     | \$75,000     |
| FY21 Estimated Total Cost    | \$1,028,500  |

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

S.P. 486 - L.D. 1549

An Act To Increase the Supplement for Certain National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certified Teachers in Maine

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13013-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 702, §2, is further amended to read:

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 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, or its successor organization, with an annual national board certification salary supplement for the life of the certificate. The salary supplement must be added to the teacher's base salary and must be considered in the calculation for contributions to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. If a nationally certified teacher is no longer employed as a teacher, the supplement ceases. The amount of the salary supplement is:

- A. For fiscal year 2012-13, \$2,500;
- B. For fiscal year 2013-14, \$2,750; ~~and~~
- C. For fiscal year 2014-15 and succeeding years, except for a teacher under paragraph D, \$3,000; and
- D. For fiscal year 2020-21 and succeeding years, for a teacher who is employed in a school in which at least 50% of students qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch under chapter 223, subchapter 7 during the year that the supplement is provided, \$5,000.

Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Education shall calculate the full funding necessary to fund 100% of the costs of the increase in the national board certification salary supplement pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13013-A, subsection 1 for fiscal year 2020-21 and 100% of the costs of the funding necessary to fund the National Board Certification Scholarship Fund for fiscal year 2020-21. The department shall report on its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and

Cultural Affairs no later than January 1, 2020. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit a bill related to the department's findings to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.