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AN ACT to amend article four, chapter eighteen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section two-a, relating to providing a salary bonus for classroom teachers who hold a valid certificate issued by the National Board of Professional Teaching standards and reimbursement for teachers in the process of receiving certification.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article four, chapter eighteen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section two-a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. SALARIES, WAGES AND OTHER BENEFITS.

§18A-4-2a. State minimum salary bonus for classroom teachers with National Board Certification.

1 (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the
2 rigorous standards and processes for certification by the
3 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)
4 helps to promote the quality of teaching and learning. There-
5 fore, classroom teachers in the public schools of West Virginia
6 should be encouraged to achieve national board certification
7 through a reimbursement of expenses and an additional salary
8 bonus which reflects their additional certification, to be paid in
9 accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

10 (b) Beginning on the first day of July, one thousand nine-
11 hundred ninety-eight, and subject to legislative appropriation,
12 one thousand dollars shall be paid annually at the conclusion of
13 the first semester to each classroom teacher who holds a valid
14 certificate issued by the National Board of Professional
15 Teaching Standards for the life of the certification, but in no
16 event more than ten years for any one certification.

17 (c) Subject to legislative appropriation, one thousand
18 dollars shall be paid for reimbursement once to each teacher
19 who enrolls in the program for the National Board for Profes-
20 sional Teaching Standards certification and one thousand
21 dollars shall be paid for reimbursement once to each teacher
22 who completes the National Board for Professional Teaching
23 Standards certification. Teachers who achieve National Board
24 for Professional Teaching Standards certification may be
25 reimbursed a maximum of six hundred dollars for expenses
26 actually incurred while obtaining the National Board for
27 Professional Teaching Standards certification.

28 (d) The state board shall limit the number of teachers who
29 receive the initial reimbursements to one hundred teachers
30 annually. The state board shall establish selection criteria for
31 the one hundred teachers by the legislative rule required
32 pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

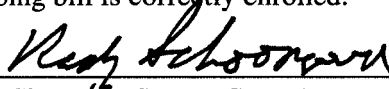
33 (e) Funding for the National Board for Professional
34 Teaching Standards certifications shall be administered by the
35 state department of education from an appropriation established
36 for that purpose by the Legislature. If funds appropriated by the
37 Legislature to accomplish the purposes of this section are

38 insufficient, the state department shall prorate the reimburse-
39 ments for expenses and salary bonuses and shall request of the
40 Legislature, at its next regular session, funds sufficient to
41 accomplish the purposes of this section, including needed
42 retroactive payments.

43 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any
44 level of appropriation by the Legislature nor to create any
45 entitlement for payments pursuant to the provisions of this
46 section.

47 (g) The state board shall promulgate legislative rules
48 pursuant to article three-b, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code to
49 implement the provisions of this section.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.



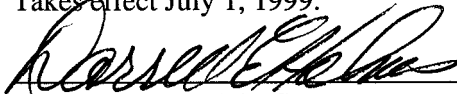
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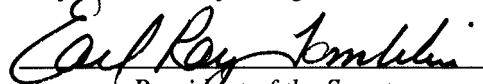
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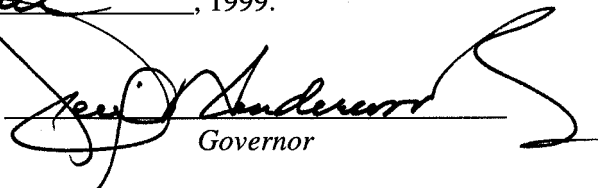


President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 7th
day of April, 1999.



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