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1 AN ACT Relating to recognition for teachers certified by the
2 national board for professional teaching standards; adding new sections
3 to chapter 28A.405 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an
4 expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that good teachers are
7 the foundation of the state's education system. Effective teachers are
8 essential if students are to achieve the state's high academic
9 standards. In fact, recent studies have shown that the most important
10 factor in student achievement is effective teaching. The legislature
11 also finds that teachers who have obtained certification from the
12 national board for professional teaching standards have proven that
13 they have the knowledge and skills necessary to increase student
14 achievement. Since the board's certification process is the most
15 rigorous process in the teaching profession, these excellent teachers
16 have earned state recognition as well. The legislature further finds
17 that the dedicated and talented teachers who have obtained national
18 board certification are an important resource for children and for
19 other teachers. Nationally certified teachers who mentor beginning

1 teachers and other interested colleagues could accelerate the rate at
2 which those teachers become good and great educators.

3 Therefore, the legislature intends to provide recognition awards to
4 teachers who have obtained national certification. The legislature
5 further intends that the amount of these one-time awards be continued
6 for those recipients who are selected to mentor their colleagues while
7 continuing to teach children in the public schools.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.405
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 Subject to funding provided for this specific purpose, the
11 superintendent of public instruction may provide the following types of
12 recognition to Washington's public school teachers who have obtained
13 certification from the national board for professional teaching
14 standards:

15 (1) An eight thousand dollar recognition award to each Washington
16 public school teacher who obtains certification after the 2000-01
17 school year;

18 (2) For the duration of the national certification, an eight
19 thousand dollar supplemental contract in any year in which a nationally
20 certified teacher is selected by his or her school district to mentor
21 other teachers while continuing to teach in the classroom.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.405
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 (1) By August 1, 2004, and periodically thereafter, the Washington
25 professional educator standards board shall review the national board
26 certification standards to determine whether the standards are
27 sufficiently rigorous and aligned to student achievement. The board
28 shall also determine whether additional requirements are needed to
29 ensure that the national standards meet the needs of Washington's
30 students.

31 (2) By October 15, 2010, the Washington professional educator
32 standards board shall report to the appropriate house of
33 representatives and senate committees on the results and
34 accomplishments of the recognition awards, including the awards'
35 mentoring component. The report may include recommendations for the
36 continuation, modification, or elimination of the awards.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act expire July
2 1, 2012.

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