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1 AN ACT Relating to salary bonuses for individuals certified by the
2 national board for professional teaching standards; adding a new
3 section to chapter 28A.405 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares:

6 (1) The national board for professional teaching standards has
7 established high and rigorous standards for what highly accomplished
8 teachers should know and be able to do in order to increase student
9 learning results;

10 (2) The national board certifies teachers who meet these standards
11 through a rigorous, performance-based assessment process;

12 (3) A certificate awarded by the national board attests that a
13 teacher has met high and rigorous standards and has demonstrated the
14 ability to make sound professional judgments about how to best meet
15 students' learning needs and effectively help students meet challenging
16 academic standards; and

17 (4) Teachers who attain national board certification should be
18 acknowledged and rewarded in order to encourage more teachers to pursue
19 certification for the benefit of Washington students.

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

3 (1) Certificated instructional staff who have attained
4 certification from the national board for professional teaching
5 standards shall receive a bonus each year in which they maintain the
6 certification. The bonus shall be calculated as follows:

7 (a) The annual bonus shall be five thousand dollars, or a pro rata
8 share of that amount subject to the conditions of (b) of this
9 subsection; and

10 (b) State appropriations for this bonus may be limited to the
11 amount of funding required to provide a five thousand dollar bonus to
12 five percent of the certificated instructional staff who are eligible
13 to receive certification from the national board for professional
14 teaching standards. If the percentage of certificated instructional
15 staff who attain certification from the national board for professional
16 teaching standards exceeds five percent of those eligible to attain
17 such certification, and if providing a full bonus to all eligible
18 certificated instructional staff will exceed the amount of funding
19 appropriated by the legislature for the bonuses, each eligible
20 certificated instructional staff shall receive a pro rata share of the
21 amount provided.

22 (2) Certificated instructional staff who have attained
23 certification from the national board for professional teaching
24 standards shall be eligible for one or more bonuses in addition to that
25 provided by subsection (1) of this section if the individual:

26 (a) Is in an instructional assignment in a school in which at least
27 seventy percent of the students qualify for the free and reduced-price
28 lunch program; and

29 (b) Has attained certification from the national board for
30 professional teaching standards in middle level and/or high school
31 level mathematics and/or science and is in a mathematics and/or science
32 instructional assignment in a school in which at least seventy percent
33 of the students qualify for the free and reduced-price lunch program.

34 (3) The amount of the additional bonus under subsection (2) of this
35 section for those meeting the qualifications of subsection (2)(a) of
36 this section is five thousand dollars. The amount of the additional
37 bonus for those meeting the qualifications of subsection (2)(a) and (b)
38 of this section is ten thousand dollars.

1 (4) The bonuses provided under this section are in addition to
2 compensation received under a district's salary schedule adopted in
3 accordance with RCW 28A.405.200 and shall not be included in
4 calculations of a district's average salary and associated salary
5 limitations under RCW 28A.400.200.

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