

HB 418 -- National Teacher Certification Incentives

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This bill creates an incentive program to encourage teachers to achieve national board certification. Teachers who have been certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards may apply for a bonus by sending a copy of their national certification to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The initial bonus for the first year after certification is \$5,000; subsequent bonuses will be \$2,500 for the life of the national certificate. Provisions detailing the administration of the funds are included, and the department is given authority to promulgate rules to implement the program.