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EDUCATION BILL BY  
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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the national board certification awards and  
2 establishing a national board certification pilot project.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999.

2 EXPLANATION

3 This bill strikes from the Code the original national board  
4 certification award provisions, and replaces those provisions  
5 with language establishing a national board certification  
6 pilot project to be administered by the department of  
7 education.

8 Under the pilot project, a teacher, who registered by  
9 January 1, 1999, for and achieves a national board certificate  
10 and who is employed by a school district in Iowa, shall be  
11 eligible for the following:

12 1. A reimbursement payment in the amount of \$1,000 for the  
13 registration fee charged by the national board.

14 2. An annual award in the amount of \$3,000 once  
15 certification is achieved.

16 The nonrenewable term of award eligibility is for 15 years  
17 or while the certificate is valid, whichever time period is  
18 shorter. However, the department is prohibited from awarding  
19 an amount of more than \$45,000 to any one individual during  
20 the individual's term of eligibility for annual awards.

21 Reimbursement payments and annual awards shall be made on a  
22 first-come, first-served basis subject to the availability of  
23 appropriated funds.

24 A teacher receiving an annual award must provide additional  
25 services to the school district of employment. Additional  
26 services may include, but are not limited to, mentoring  
27 beginning teachers and providing professional guidance and  
28 assistance to ineffectual teachers. The school district and  
29 the teacher must mutually agree upon the additional services  
30 to be provided.

31 The bill establishes a national board for professional  
32 teaching standards certification fund in the office of  
33 treasurer of state to be administered by the department.  
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35 in the fund, and the director of revenue and finance shall

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1 issue warrants upon the fund based on the amounts of  
2 reimbursement and award amounts determined by the department  
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APPROPRIATIONS

HOUSE FILE 690  
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 241)

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HF 690

1 Section 1. Section 256.44, Code 1999, is amended by  
2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the  
3 following:

4 256.44 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION PILOT PROJECT --  
5 APPROPRIATION.

6 1. A national board certification pilot project is  
7 established to be administered by the department of education.  
8 A teacher, as defined in section 272.1, who registered for  
9 national board for professional teaching standards  
10 certification by January 1, 1999, and is employed by a school  
11 district in Iowa and receiving a salary as a classroom  
12 teacher, shall be eligible for the following:

13 a. A reimbursement award in the amount of one thousand  
14 dollars for the registration fee charged by the national board  
15 for professional teaching standards. The teacher shall apply  
16 to the department of education within one year of  
17 registration, submitting to the department any documentation  
18 the department requires.

19 b. An annual award in the amount of three thousand dollars  
20 for up to fifteen years upon achieving certification by the  
21 national board of professional teaching standards. A teacher  
22 shall apply to the department for an award within one year of  
23 eligibility. Payment for awards shall be made only upon  
24 departmental approval of an application or recertification of  
25 eligibility. A term of eligibility shall be for fifteen years  
26 or for the years in which the individual maintains a valid  
27 certificate, whichever time period is shorter. However, the  
28 department shall award not more than forty-five thousand  
29 dollars to an individual during the individual's term of  
30 eligibility for annual awards. In order to continue receipt  
31 of payments, a recipient shall annually recertify eligibility.

32 2. Reimbursement payments and annual awards shall be made  
33 on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to  
34 sufficient funds being appropriated by the general assembly.

35 3. A teacher receiving an annual award pursuant to this

1 section shall provide additional services to the school  
2 district that employs the teacher. Additional services may  
3 include, but are not limited to, mentoring beginning teachers  
4 and providing professional guidance and assistance to  
5 ineffectual teachers. The additional services to be provided  
6 by the teacher shall be mutually agreed upon by the school  
7 district and the teacher.

8 4. A national board for professional teaching standards  
9 certification fund is established in the office of treasurer  
10 of state to be administered by the department. Moneys  
11 appropriated by the general assembly for deposit in the fund  
12 shall be paid as follows:

13 a. Upon receipt of reimbursement documentation as provided  
14 in subsection 1, paragraph "a".

15 b. On April 15 to teachers whose applications and  
16 recertifications for annual awards as provided in subsection  
17 1, paragraph "b", are approved by the department.

18 The treasurer of state shall act as custodian of the fund  
19 and may invest the moneys deposited in the fund. The director  
20 of revenue and finance shall issue warrants upon the fund  
21 pursuant to the order of the department and such warrants  
22 shall be paid from the fund by the treasurer of state.

23 Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or unobligated  
24 moneys remaining in the fund on June 30 of the fiscal year for  
25 which the funds were appropriated shall not revert but shall  
26 be available for subsequent fiscal years for the purposes of  
27 this section. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2,  
28 interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the national board  
29 for professional teaching standards certification fund shall  
30 be credited to the fund.

31 5. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a  
32 teacher approved by the department to receive an annual award  
33 for certification in accordance with this section in the  
34 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, shall receive the annual  
35 award amount specified in this section to commence with the

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