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8 AN ACT

12 RELATING TO THE NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION AWARDS, ESTAB-
14 LISHING A NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION PILOT PROJECT, AND
18 REQUIRING STUDIES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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32 Section 1. Section [256.44](#), Code 1999, is amended by
36 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
46 following:

56 256.44 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION PILOT PROJECT.

66 1. A national board certification pilot project is
76 established to be administered by the department of education.
86 A teacher, as defined in section 272.1, who registers for or
96 achieves national board for professional teaching standards
106 certification, and who is employed by a school district in
116 Iowa and receiving a salary as a classroom teacher, may be
126 eligible for the following:

136 a. If a teacher registers for national board for
146 professional teaching standards certification prior to June
156 30, 2002, a one-time initial reimbursement award in the amount
166 of up to one-half of the registration fee paid by the teacher
176 for registration for certification by the national board for
186 professional teaching standards. The teacher shall apply to
196 the department of education within one year of registration,
206 submitting to the department any documentation the department
216 requires. A teacher who receives an initial reimbursement
226 award shall receive a one-time final registration award in the
236 amount of the remaining national board registration fee paid
246 by the teacher if the teacher notifies the department of the
256 teacher's certification achievement and submits any
266 documentation requested by the department.

276 b. (1) If, by May 1, 2000, the teacher applies to the
286 department for an annual award and submits documentation of
296 certification by the national board for professional teaching
306 standards, an annual award in the amount of five thousand
316 dollars. However, if the teacher does not achieve
326 certification on the teacher's first attempt to pass the
336 national board for professional teaching standards assessment,
346 the teacher shall be paid the award amount as provided in
356 subparagraph (2) upon achieving certification. The department
366 shall award not more than a total of fifty thousand dollars in
376 annual awards to an individual during the individual's term of
386 eligibility for annual awards.

396 (2) If the teacher registers for national board for
406 professional teaching standards certification between January
416 1, 1999, and January 1, 2002, and achieves certification
426 within three years from the date of initial score
436 notification, an annual award in the amount of two thousand
446 five hundred dollars upon achieving certification by the
456 national board of professional teaching standards.

466 To receive an annual award pursuant to this paragraph "b",

476 a teacher shall apply to the department for an award within
486 one year of eligibility. Payment for awards shall be made
496 only upon departmental approval of an application or
506 recertification of eligibility. A term of eligibility shall
516 be for ten years or for the years in which the individual
526 maintains a valid certificate, whichever time period is
536 shorter. In order to continue receipt of payments, a
546 recipient shall annually recertify eligibility.

556 2. a. If the amount appropriated annually for purposes of
566 this section is insufficient to pay the full amount of
576 reimbursement awards in accordance with subsection 1,
586 paragraph "a", the department shall annually prorate the
596 amount of the registration awards provided to each teacher who
606 meets the requirements of this section.

616 b. If the amount appropriated annually for purposes of
626 providing an annual award in accordance with subsection 1,
636 paragraph "b", is insufficient to pay the full annual award to
646 all teachers approved by the department for an annual award,
656 the department shall prorate the amount of the annual award
666 based upon the amount appropriated.

676 3. A teacher receiving an annual award pursuant to this
686 section may provide additional services to the school district
696 that employs the teacher. The additional services to be
706 provided by the teacher may be mutually agreed upon by the
716 school district and the teacher.

726 4. Awards shall be paid to teachers by the department as
736 follows:

746 a. Upon receipt of reimbursement documentation as provided
756 in subsection 1, paragraph "a".

766 b. Not later than June 1 to teachers whose applications
776 and recertifications for annual awards as provided in
786 subsection 1, paragraph "b", are submitted to the department
796 by May 1 and subsequently approved.

806 5. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a
816 teacher approved by the department to receive an annual award
826 for certification in accordance with this section in the
836 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, shall receive the annual
846 award amount specified in subsection 1, paragraph "b",
856 subparagraph (1), to commence with the fiscal year beginning
866 July 1, 1999.

876 6. From funds appropriated for purposes of this section by
886 the general assembly to the department of education for each
896 fiscal year in the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1999, and
906 ending June 30, 2004, three hundred thousand dollars, or so
916 much thereof as may be necessary, shall be used for the
926 payment of registration awards as provided in subsection 4,
936 paragraph "a".

946 7. The department shall prorate the amount of the annual
956 awards paid in accordance with this section when the number of
966 award recipients exceeds one thousand one hundred individuals.

976 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STUDIES. The department
986 of education shall conduct a study of the effects of the
996 national board certification pilot project established in
1006 section 256.44 on teaching quality, professional development,
1016 the provision of additional services to school districts in
1026 accordance with section 256.44, subsection 3, and teacher
1036 induction and retention in this state. The department shall
1046 consider whether the effects of the pilot project support
1056 continuation of the project or expansion to include other
1066 teacher awards or recognitions. The department shall submit
1076 its findings and recommendations in a report to the
1086 chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house
1096 standing committees on education and the joint subcommittee on
1106 education appropriations by December 1, 2001.

1116 Sec. 3. EMERGENCY RULES. The department of education may
1126 adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 2, and
1136 section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the

1146 provisions of this Act and the rules shall be effective
1156 immediately upon filing unless a later date is specified in
1166 the rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section
1176 shall also be published as a notice of intended action as
1186 provided in section 17A.4.

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1346 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
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