

House Study Bill 241

Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [256.44](#), Code 1999, is amended by
1 2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
1 3 following:
1 4 256.44 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION PILOT PROJECT
1 5 APPROPRIATION.
1 6 1. A national board certification pilot project is
1 7 established to be administered by the department of education.
1 8 A teacher, as defined in section 272.1, who registered for
1 9 national board for professional teaching standards
1 10 certification by January 1, 1999, and is employed by a school
1 11 district in Iowa and receiving a salary as a classroom
1 12 teacher, shall be eligible for the following:
1 13 a. A reimbursement award in the amount of one thousand
1 14 dollars for the registration fee charged by the national board
1 15 for professional teaching standards. The teacher shall apply
1 16 to the department of education within one year of
1 17 registration, submitting to the department any documentation
1 18 the department requires.
1 19 b. An annual award in the amount of three thousand dollars
1 20 for up to fifteen years upon achieving certification by the
1 21 national board of professional teaching standards. A teacher
1 22 shall apply to the department for an award within one year of
1 23 eligibility. Payment for awards shall be made only upon
1 24 departmental approval of an application or recertification of
1 25 eligibility. A term of eligibility shall be for fifteen years
1 26 or for the years in which the individual maintains a valid
1 27 certificate, whichever time period is shorter. However, the
1 28 department shall award not more than forty-five thousand
1 29 dollars to an individual during the individual's term of
1 30 eligibility for annual awards. In order to continue receipt
1 31 of payments, a recipient shall annually recertify eligibility.
1 32 2. Reimbursement payments and annual awards shall be made
1 33 on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to
1 34 sufficient funds being appropriated by the general assembly.
1 35 3. A teacher receiving an annual award pursuant to this
2 1 section shall provide additional services to the school
2 2 district that employs the teacher. Additional services may
2 3 include, but are not limited to, mentoring beginning teachers
2 4 and providing professional guidance and assistance to
2 5 ineffectual teachers. The additional services to be provided
2 6 by the teacher shall be mutually agreed upon by the school
2 7 district and the teacher.
2 8 4. A national board for professional teaching standards
2 9 certification fund is established in the office of treasurer
2 10 of state to be administered by the department. Moneys
2 11 appropriated by the general assembly for deposit in the fund
2 12 shall be paid as follows:
2 13 a. Upon receipt of reimbursement documentation as provided
2 14 in subsection 1, paragraph "a".
2 15 b. On April 15 to teachers whose applications and
2 16 recertifications for annual awards as provided in subsection
2 17 1, paragraph "b", are approved by the department.
2 18 The treasurer of state shall act as custodian of the fund
2 19 and may invest the moneys deposited in the fund. The director
2 20 of revenue and finance shall issue warrants upon the fund
2 21 pursuant to the order of the department and such warrants

2 22 shall be paid from the fund by the treasurer of state.
2 23 Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or unobligated
2 24 moneys remaining in the fund on June 30 of the fiscal year for
2 25 which the funds were appropriated shall not revert but shall
2 26 be available for subsequent fiscal years for the purposes of
2 27 this section. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2,
2 28 interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the national board
2 29 for professional teaching standards certification fund shall
2 30 be credited to the fund.

2 31 5. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, a
2 32 teacher approved by the department to receive an annual award
2 33 for certification in accordance with this section in the
2 34 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, shall receive the annual
2 35 award amount specified in this section to commence with the
3 1 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999.

3 2 EXPLANATION

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

3 8 Under the pilot project, a teacher, who registered by
3 9 January 1, 1999, for and achieves a national board certificate
3 10 and who is employed by a school district in Iowa, shall be
3 11 eligible for the following:

3 12 1. A reimbursement payment in the amount of \$1,000 for the
3 13 registration fee charged by the national board.

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

3 16 The nonrenewable term of award eligibility is for 15 years
3 17 or while the certificate is valid, whichever time period is
3 18 shorter. However, the department is prohibited from awarding
3 19 an amount of more than \$45,000 to any one individual during
3 20 the individual's term of eligibility for annual awards.

3 21 Reimbursement payments and annual awards shall be made on a
3 22 first-come, first-served basis subject to the availability of
3 23 appropriated funds.

3 24 A teacher receiving an annual award must provide additional
3 25 services to the school district of employment. Additional
3 26 services may include, but are not limited to, mentoring
3 27 beginning teachers and providing professional guidance and
3 28 assistance to ineffectual teachers. The school district and
3 29 the teacher must mutually agree upon the additional services
3 30 to be provided.

3 31 The bill establishes a national board for professional
3 32 teaching standards certification fund in the office of
3 33 treasurer of state to be administered by the department.

3 34 Moneys appropriated for the pilot project are to be deposited
3 35 in the fund, and the director of revenue and finance shall

4 1 issue warrants upon the fund based on the amounts of
4 2 reimbursement and award amounts determined by the department
4 3 of education. The treasurer of state pays the warrants from
4 4 the fund. The bill permits moneys in the fund to carry over
4 5 to be available for subsequent fiscal years for the purposes
4 6 of the pilot project. Interest or earnings on moneys
4 7 deposited in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

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