

## HOUSE BILL No. 2403

By Committee on Education

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AN ACT concerning the national board for professional teaching standards certification incentive program; increasing the amount of the bonus for teachers; providing financial assistance to school districts employing national board certified teachers; amending K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-1398 and repealing the existing section.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-1398 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-1398. (a) The national board for professional teaching standards certification incentive program is hereby established for the purpose of rewarding teachers who have attained certification from the national board *and assisting school districts in the provision of staff development programs especially as such programs support teachers engaged in the national board certification process.* Teachers who have attained certification from the national board shall be issued a master teacher's certificate by the state board of education. A master teacher's certificate shall be valid for 10 years and renewable thereafter every 10 years through compliance with continuing education and professional development requirements prescribed by the state board. Teachers who have attained certification from the national board and who are employed by a school district shall be paid an incentive bonus in the amount of ~~\$1,000~~ \$5,000 each school year, not exceeding 10 years, that the teacher remains employed by a school district and retains a valid master teacher's certificate. *Each school district employing one or more national board certified teachers shall be entitled to an incentive grant in the amount of \$5,000 for each such teacher in each school year that such teacher or teachers retain eligibility for payment of an incentive bonus.*

(b) The board of education of each school district employing one or more national board certified teachers shall pay the incentive bonus to each such teacher in each school year that the teacher retains eligibility for such payment. Each board of education which has made payments of incentive bonuses to national board certified teachers under this subsection may file an application with the state board of education for state aid and shall certify to the state board the amount of such payments. The application and certification shall be on a form prescribed and furnished

1 by the state board, shall contain such information as the state board shall  
2 require and shall be filed at the time specified by the state board.

3 (c) In each school year, each school district employing one or more  
4 national board certified teachers is entitled to receive from appropriations  
5 for the national board for professional teaching standards certification  
6 incentive program an amount which is equal to *twice* the amount certified  
7 to the state board of education in accordance with the provisions of sub-  
8 section (b). The state board shall certify to the director of accounts and  
9 reports the amount due each school district. The director of accounts and  
10 reports shall draw warrants on the state treasurer payable to the treasurer  
11 of each school district entitled to payment under this section upon vouch-  
12 ers approved by the state board.

13 (d) *An amount equal to 50% of the* moneys received by a board of  
14 education under this section shall be deposited in the general fund of the  
15 school district. Moneys deposited in the general fund of the school district  
16 under this subsection shall be considered reimbursements to the district  
17 for the purpose of the school district finance and quality performance act  
18 and may be expended whether the same have been budgeted or not. *The*  
19 *remaining amount of moneys received by a board of education under this*  
20 *section shall be deposited in the inservice education fund of the district.*

21 (e) As used in this section, the term school district means any school  
22 district organized and operating under the laws of this state.

23 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-1398 is hereby repealed.

24 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
25 publication in the statute book.

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