

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1862

5 By: Representatives Carnine, J. Roebuck
6 By: Senator J. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO ENSURE INDIVIDUALS WITH NATIONAL BOARD
11 FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS CERTIFICATION
12 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENTS WHILE THEY CONTRIBUTE
13 TO THE SUCCESS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL
14 SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 TO ENSURE INDIVIDUALS WITH NATIONAL
18 BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING
19 STANDARDS CERTIFICATION ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
20 PAYMENTS WHILE THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE
21 SUCCESS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL
22 SYSTEM.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-413(a)(3)(A)(iv), concerning National
28 Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification funding, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 (iv) Is, at the time of receiving the bonus, ~~;~~

31 (a) employed ~~employed~~ Employed full time as a
32 classroom teacher, ~~a~~ building-level principal, or ~~a~~ building-level assistant
33 principal in an Arkansas public school district, ~~;~~ or

34 (b)(1) After working a minimum of three (3)
35 years with national board certification as a classroom teacher, building-
36 level principal, or building-level assistant principal in a public school



1 district, employed full time as:

2 (A) A teacher in an accredited teacher
3 preparation program at a state-supported institution of higher education; or

4 (B) An employee of the Department of
5 Education in a teacher preparation program in the teacher's area of
6 specialization.

7 (2)(A) Only teachers who hold national board
8 certification on or after August 1, 2009, shall be eligible for a bonus for
9 employment as provided under this subdivision (a)(3)(A)(iv)(b).

10 (B) However, a bonus payment shall not
11 be made retroactive.

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13 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-413(a)(3)(B), concerning National
14 Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification funding, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 (B)(i) ~~Any~~ A teacher certified by the national board who
17 moves into the state and is employed full time as a classroom teacher,
18 building-level principal, or building-level assistant principal in an
19 Arkansas public school district shall be eligible for the yearly incentive
20 ~~bonus of two thousand dollars (\$2,000)~~ five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for
21 every school year the person is employed full time as a classroom teacher,
22 building-level principal, or building-level assistant principal in a local
23 public school district for the life of the certificate of the national board.

24 (ii) A teacher who holds national board
25 certification on or after August 1, 2009, who moves into the state shall be
26 eligible for the yearly incentive bonus of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for
27 every school year the teacher is employed full time, for the life of the
28 certificate of the national board, if, after working for three (3) years with
29 national board certification as a classroom teacher, building-level
30 principal, or building-level assistant principal in a public school district
31 in this state, the teacher is employed as a:

32 (a) Teacher in an accredited teacher
33 preparation program at a state-supported institution of higher education; or

34 (b) Employee of the Department of Education in
35 a teacher preparation program in the teacher's area of specialization.

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1 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-413(a)(3)(F), concerning National
2 Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification funding, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 (F) ~~No person shall~~ A person shall not receive either a
5 starting incentive bonus or a yearly incentive bonus, irrespective of the
6 person's past participation in the certification of the national board, as
7 ~~either~~ a teacher, a building-level principal, or a building-level assistant
8 principal in an Arkansas public school district, teacher in an accredited
9 teacher preparation program at a state-supported institution of higher
10 education, or employee of the Department of Education in a teacher
11 preparation program in the teacher's area of specialization if the person:

12 (i) Leaves the full-time employment of an Arkansas
13 public school district;

14 (ii) Becomes employed as a school district-level
15 central office administrator;

16 (iii) Is employed by an Arkansas institution of
17 higher education and does not teach in an accredited teacher preparation
18 program; ~~or~~

19 (iv) Is employed by an education service cooperative
20 and does not teach in a classroom with students; or

21 (v) Is employed by the Department of Education and
22 does not work in the teacher preparation program in the teacher's area of
23 specialization.

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25 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-17-413(b), concerning National Board for
26 Professional Teaching Standards certification funding, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 (b)(1) A teacher who receives state moneys for the participation fee
29 of the national board but who does not complete the certification process
30 within three (3) years after the teacher's entry into the certification
31 program of the national board or who becomes certified by the national board
32 but does not teach or serve as a building-level principal or building-level
33 assistant principal in the Arkansas public school system for ~~two (2)~~ three
34 (3) continuous school years after receiving the certification by the national
35 board shall repay the department the amount it contributed to the
36 participation fee of the national board and the total amount it contributed

1 to any yearly bonus.

2 (2) If the teacher, principal, or assistant principal leaves the
3 employment of a public school district before the ~~two (2)~~ three (3)
4 continuous years are completed and is employed by an Arkansas institution of
5 higher education or employed by an education service cooperative and the
6 teacher does not teach in a classroom with students, the teacher, principal,
7 or assistant principal shall repay the department the amount it contributed
8 to the participation fee of the national board and the total amount it
9 contributed to any yearly salary bonus.

10 (3) The State Board of Education may suspend the Arkansas
11 teacher's license of any person that fails, when required to do so, to repay
12 moneys contributed by the department for the certification program of the
13 national board.

14 (4) Repayment of moneys contributed by the department is not
15 required if, due to the death or disability of the teacher or other
16 extenuating circumstances as may be recognized by the State Board of
17 Education, the teacher does not complete the certification process of the
18 national board or does not teach in the Arkansas public school system for ~~two~~
19 ~~(2)~~ three (3) continuous school years after completing the certification
20 process of the national board.

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