

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~~ 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 a teacher in an accredited teacher  
2 preparation program at a state-supported institution of higher education.

3 (2)(A) Only teachers who hold national board  
4 certification on or after August 1, 2009, shall be eligible for a bonus for  
5 employment as provided under this subdivision (a)(3)(A)(iv)(b) if funds are  
6 available after payments are made to those eligible under subdivisions  
7 (a)(3)(A)(iv)(a) and (a)(3)(B)(i).

8 (B) However, a bonus payment shall not  
9 be made retroactive.

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

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

22 (ii) A teacher who holds national board  
23 certification on or after August 1, 2009, who moves into the state shall be  
24 eligible for the yearly incentive bonus of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for  
25 every school year the teacher is employed full time, for the life of the  
26 certificate of the national board, if, after working for three (3) years with  
27 national board certification as a classroom teacher, building-level  
28 principal, or building-level assistant principal in a public school district  
29 in this state, the teacher is employed as a teacher in an accredited teacher  
30 preparation program at a state-supported institution of higher education if  
31 funds are available after payments are made to those eligible under  
32 subdivisions (a)(3)(iv)(a) and (a)(3)(B)(i).

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

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

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

10 (ii) Becomes employed as a school district-level  
 11 central office administrator;

12 (iii) Is employed by an Arkansas institution of  
 13 higher education and does not teach in an accredited teacher preparation  
 14 program; or

15 (iv) Is employed by an education service cooperative  
 16 and does not teach in a classroom with students.

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

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

31 (2) If the teacher, principal, or assistant principal leaves the  
 32 employment of a public school district before the ~~two (2)~~ three (3)  
 33 continuous years are completed and is employed by an Arkansas institution of  
 34 higher education or employed by an education service cooperative and the  
 35 teacher does not teach in a classroom with students, the teacher, principal,  
 36 or assistant principal shall repay the department the amount it contributed

1 to the participation fee of the national board and the total amount it  
2 contributed to any yearly salary bonus.

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

7 (4) Repayment of moneys contributed by the department is not  
8 required if, due to the death or disability of the teacher or other  
9 extenuating circumstances as may be recognized by the State Board of  
10 Education, the teacher does not complete the certification process of the  
11 national board or does not teach in the Arkansas public school system for ~~two~~  
12 ~~(2)~~ three (3) continuous school years after completing the certification  
13 process of the national board.

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15 /s/ Carnine  
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