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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the national board certification
2 stipend program; creating new sections; and providing an expiration
3 date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The national board for professional teaching
6 standards has been certifying outstanding teachers since 1987. During
7 the 1999 certification process, twelve teachers from Washington earned
8 this prestigious certification. Because the process for earning
9 national board certification is the most rigorous advanced
10 certification process in the teaching profession, the legislature finds
11 that teachers achieving such certification should be rewarded for their
12 accomplishments. The legislature intends that those who obtain
13 national board certification receive a stipend for the duration of the
14 certificate, which is currently ten years.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Subject to legislative funding, the
16 superintendent of public instruction shall offer an annual stipend in
17 the amount of three thousand five hundred dollars for each teacher who
18 has attained certification by the national board for professional

1 teaching standards. A teacher is eligible to receive a stipend
2 annually for the duration of the certificate. The stipend is provided
3 in recognition of each participant's outstanding performance. The
4 stipend shall be provided subject to the following conditions and
5 limitations:

6 (1) For any teacher who received certification from the national
7 board prior to September 1, 2000, the stipend shall begin on September
8 1, 2000, and shall be awarded annually for the number of years
9 remaining on the national board certificate. However, if a teacher
10 received a fifteen percent bonus as provided in section 514(13),
11 chapter 309, Laws of 1999, the teacher is not eligible for a stipend
12 until the next fiscal year.

13 (2) Any teacher who enrolls in the program before September 1,
14 2000, and achieves certification during the 2000-01 school year and any
15 teacher who achieves certification from the national board in
16 subsequent years is eligible for the stipend. If a teacher received a
17 fifteen percent bonus as provided in section 514(13), chapter 309, Laws
18 of 1999, the teacher is not eligible for a stipend until the next
19 fiscal year.

20 (3) By December 31, 2003, and periodically thereafter, the office
21 of the superintendent of public instruction, in cooperation with the
22 state board of education and with the assistance of an advisory
23 committee, shall review the national board certification standards to
24 determine whether additional requirements to the national standards are
25 needed to align the national requirements with Washington state
26 standards for teachers and students under education reform.

27 (4) By November 15, 2003, the Washington institute for public
28 policy shall report to the appropriate house of representatives and
29 senate committees on the results and accomplishments of the program.
30 The report may include recommendations for program continuation,
31 modifications, or elimination.

32 (5) This section expires June 30, 2004.

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