

1244-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunter, Talcott, Quall, Lantz, Hunt, Wood, McDermott, Simpson, Anderson and Haigh; by request of Governor Locke)

Brief Description: Providing a salary bonus for teachers who maintain certification from the national board for professional teaching standards.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that certificated instructional staff who have attained certification from the national board for professional teaching standards shall receive a bonus of three thousand five hundred dollars each year in which they maintain their certification from the national board for professional teaching standards.

Declares that the annual bonus for national board certification is provided in addition to compensation received under a district's salary schedule adopted in accordance with RCW 28A.405.200 and shall not be included in calculations of a district's average salary and associated salary limitations under RCW 28A.400.200.

Provides that, by August 1, 2006, the Washington professional educator standards board shall review the national board certification standards to determine whether the standards are sufficiently rigorous and aligned to student achievement. The board shall also determine whether additional requirements are needed to ensure that the national standards meet the needs of Washington's students.

Provides that, by December 15, 2008, the Washington professional educator standards board shall report to the appropriate house of representatives and senate committees on the results and accomplishments of the salary bonuses. The report may include recommendations for the continuation, modification, or elimination of the bonuses.