

HB 2729 - DIGEST

Finds that the professional certification process required of new teachers and experienced teachers from out-of-state is intended to advance their teaching skills and demonstrate their ability to improve student learning.

Finds that professional certification is a rigorous and demanding process, yet the state salary schedule does not recognize these advanced skill levels. Furthermore, teachers often pay substantial costs to complete the programs, but are not reimbursed for their expenses.

Declares an intent to address these inequities by providing a bonus for all teachers who have achieved professional certification.