

SB 5955-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Addresses provisions concerning educator preparation, professional development, and compensation.

Implements the Washington state leadership academy.

Declares that certificated instructional staff who have attained certification from the national board for professional teaching standards shall receive an annual bonus each year in which they maintain certification from the national board. 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. The bonus shall be five thousand dollars in the 2007-08 school year. Thereafter, the amount of the annual bonus shall increase by inflation.

Provides that, for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years, twenty teachers, from middle, junior high, and high schools, each year shall be provided professional development to implement a specialized science, technology, engineering, and mathematics curriculum in their school. Schools shall apply to the office of the superintendent of public instruction for the learning improvement days program in this act.