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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part III, subpart C, to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4           "§302A-           Nationally certified school psychologist;  
5 incentive program. (a) There is established within the  
6 department a nationally certified school psychologist incentive  
7 program to recognize and support exemplary educational practice  
8 by offering incentive payments to school psychologists who earn  
9 the nationally certified school psychologist credential from the  
10 National Association of School Psychologists. The nationally  
11 certified school psychologist incentive program shall provide:

12           (1) A \$5,000 bonus per year to each nationally certified  
13 school psychologist who maintains a current national  
14 certification;

15           (2) Up to \$500, depending on the certification fee  
16 structure, upon completing all components of the



1           nationally certified school psychologist credential  
2           program;

3           (3) A reimbursement of the remainder of the national  
4           certification application fee upon achievement of the  
5           nationally certified school psychologist credential;  
6           and

7           (4) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year to each nationally  
8           certified school psychologist employed by the  
9           department who maintains a current certification and  
10          provides school psychology services to children in a  
11          hard-to-fill area as defined by the department.

12          (b) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
13          necessary to carry out the purposes of this section."

14          SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
18 year 2024-2025 to offer incentive pay for the nationally  
19 certified school psychologist incentive program established  
20 pursuant to section 1 of this Act.



# S.B. NO. 675

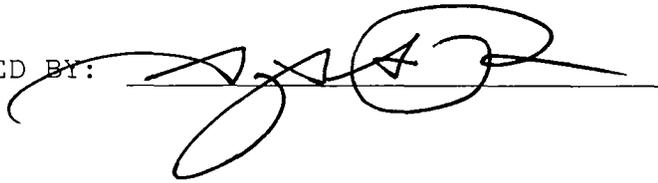
1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of education for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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# S.B. NO. 675

**Report Title:**

Department of Education; School Psychologists; Nationally Certified School Psychologist Incentive Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a nationally certified school psychologist incentive program. Appropriates funds for the incentive program.

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