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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. Section 302A-706, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as  
3 follows:  
4           "§302A-706 [~~Teacher national board~~] National certification  
5 incentive program. (a) There is established within the  
6 department the [~~teacher~~] national [~~board~~] certification  
7 incentive program to recognize and support exemplary [~~teaching~~]  
8 educational practice by supporting public school teachers and  
9 school psychologists who have achieved national [~~board~~]  
10 certification under the certification program of the National  
11 Board for Professional Teaching Standards[-] or the National  
12 Association of School Psychologists. The [~~teacher~~] national  
13 [~~board~~] certification incentive program shall provide:  
14           (1) A \$5,000 bonus per year for each public school teacher  
15           or school psychologist who maintains current national  
16           [~~board~~] certification;



- 1           (2) Up to \$1,500, depending on the certification fee  
2           structure, upon completing all components of the  
3           certification program of the National Board for  
4           Professional Teaching Standards [~~+~~] or National  
5           Association of School Psychologists;
- 6           (3) A reimbursement of the remainder of the national  
7           [~~board~~] certification application fee upon achievement  
8           of national [~~board~~] certification; [~~and~~]
- 9           (4) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year for each public  
10          school teacher or school psychologist who maintains  
11          current national [~~board~~] certification and who  
12          [~~teaches~~] is employed at:
- 13               (A) A school in a focus, priority, or  
14               superintendent's zone, or other similar  
15               designation, as determined by the department;
- 16               (B) A school with a high turnover rate, as determined  
17               by the department; or
- 18               (C) A hard-to-fill school, as determined by the  
19               department [~~+~~]; and
- 20          (5) An additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ bonus per year for any  
21          teacher or school psychologist or employed at a public



1           school who received a yearly bonus pursuant to  
2           paragraph (4); provided that the teacher or school  
3           psychologist maintains national certification and  
4           continues working in the same school after the school  
5           transitions from the qualifying designation pursuant  
6           to paragraph (4); provided that the teacher or school  
7           psychologist shall receive the additional bonus from  
8           the time the school no longer meets any of the  
9           criteria under paragraph (4) until the end date of the  
10           teacher or school psychologist's national  
11           certification in effect at the time the school lost  
12           its designation, or until the teacher or school  
13           psychologist is no longer employed at the school,  
14           whichever occurs first."

15           SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2051.

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**Report Title:**

Education; National Certification Incentive Program

**Description:**

Expands the National Certification Incentive Program to provide monetary incentives to school psychologists. Authorizes continuing bonuses for teachers and school psychologists in certain designated schools that improve and no longer carry a certain designation. Effective 7/1/2051. (SD1)

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