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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

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

"§302A- School psychologist national certification incentive program. (a) There is established within the department the school psychologist national certification incentive program to recognize and support exemplary educational practice by supporting school psychologists who have achieved national certification from the National Association of School Psychologists. With respect to this certification, the school psychologist national certification incentive program shall provide:

(1) A \$5,000 bonus per year for each school psychologist who maintains current national certification;

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



- 1 (3) A reimbursement of the remainder of the national
2 certification application fee upon achievement of
3 national certification;
- 4 (4) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year for each school
5 psychologist who maintains current national
6 certification and who is employed by the department
7 and provides school psychology services to children at
8 a school that has been designated by the department as
9 one:
- 10 (A) That is in need of comprehensive or targeted
11 support and improvement;
- 12 (B) With a high turnover rate; or
- 13 (C) That is a hard-to-fill school; and
- 14 (5) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year for any school
15 psychologist employed at a public school who received
16 a yearly bonus pursuant to paragraph (4); provided
17 that the school psychologist maintains national
18 certification and continues working in the same school
19 after the school transitions from the qualifying
20 designation pursuant to paragraph (4); provided
21 further that the school psychologist shall receive the



1 additional bonus from the time the school no longer
2 meets any of the criteria under paragraph (4) until
3 the end date of the school psychologist's national
4 certification in effect at the time the school lost
5 its designation, or until the school psychologist is
6 no longer employed at the school, whichever occurs
7 first."

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000 or so much
10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to pay for
11 the school psychologist national certification incentive program
12 bonuses established pursuant to section 1 of this Act.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
14 education for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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Description:

Establishes a school psychologist national certification
incentive program. Appropriates funds.

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