
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
17 Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential;



1 (3) A reimbursement of the remainder of the national
2 certification application fee upon achievement of the
3 Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential;
4 and

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

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

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2026-2027 to offer incentive pay for the nationally
18 certified school psychologist incentive program established
19 pursuant to section 1 of this Act.

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



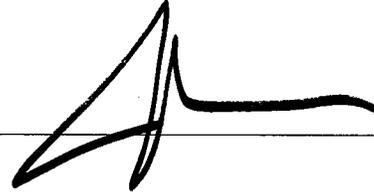
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1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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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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