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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

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

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

(1) A \$                      bonus per year to each nationally certified school psychologist who maintains a current national certification;

(2) Up to \$                      , depending on the certification fee structure, upon completing all components of the 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 \$                      bonus per year to each  
6       school psychologist employed by the department who  
7       maintains a current Nationally Certified School  
8       Psychologist certificate and provides school  
9       psychology services to children in a hard-to-fill area  
10       as defined by the 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.



- 1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**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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