

ACT 107

H.B. NO. 11

A Bill for an Act Relating to Teachers.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 302A-706, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) There is established within the department the teacher national board certification incentive program to recognize and support exemplary teaching practice by supporting public school teachers who have achieved national board certification under the certification program of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The teacher national board certification incentive program shall provide:

- (1) A \$5,000 bonus per year for each public school teacher who maintains current national board certification;
- (2) \$1,500 upon completing all components of the certification program of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;
- (3) A reimbursement of the remainder of the national board certification application fee upon achievement of national board certification; and
- (4) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year for each public school teacher who maintains current national board certification and who teaches at:
 - (A) A school ~~[that is in restructuring under the No Child Left Behind Act, Public Law 107-110;]~~ in a focus, priority, or superintendent’s zone, or other similar designation, as determined by the department;
 - (B) A school with a high turnover rate, as determined by the department; or
 - ~~[(C) A school that is not making adequate yearly progress, but is not in restructuring under the No Child Left Behind Act, Public Law 107-110; or~~
 - ~~(D)]~~ (C) A hard-to-fill school, as determined by the department.”

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SECTION 2. This Act shall be applied retroactively to bonuses for the 2014 calendar year; provided that payment of such 2014 bonuses shall be made during the 2015 calendar year, in addition to any other bonuses for which the teacher is eligible for the 2015 calendar year.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved June 12, 2015.)