

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1862

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5 By: Representatives Carnine, J. Roebuck
6 By: Senator J. Jeffress

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO ENSURE INDIVIDUALS WITH NATIONAL BOARD
11 FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS CERTIFICATION
12 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENTS WHILE THEY CONTRIBUTE
13 TO THE SUCCESS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL
14 SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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18 BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING
19 STANDARDS CERTIFICATION ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
20 PAYMENTS WHILE THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE
21 SUCCESS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL
22 SYSTEM.

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-413(a)(3)(A)(iv), concerning National
28 Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification funding, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 (iv) Is, at the time of receiving the bonus,:

31 (a) ~~employed~~ Employed full time as a
32 classroom teacher, a building-level principal, or a building-level assistant
33 principal in an Arkansas public school district; or

34 (b)(1) After working a minimum of three (3)
35 years with national board certification as a classroom teacher, building-
36 level principal, or building-level assistant principal in a public school



1 district, employed full time as:

2 (A) A teacher in an accredited teacher
3 preparation program at a state-supported institution of higher education; or

4 (B) An employee of the Department of
5 Education in a teacher preparation program in the teacher's area of
6 specialization.

7 (2) Only teachers who receive national board
8 certification on or after August 1, 2007 shall be eligible for a bonus for
9 employment as provided under this subdivision (a)(3)(A)(iv)(b).

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-413(a)(3)(B), concerning National
12 Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification funding, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 (B)(i) ~~Any~~ A teacher certified by the national board who
15 moves into the state and is employed full time as a classroom teacher,
16 building-level principal, or building-level assistant principal in an
17 Arkansas public school district shall be eligible for the yearly incentive
18 bonus of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for every school year the person is
19 employed full time as a classroom teacher, building-level principal, or
20 building-level assistant principal in a local public school district for the
21 life of the certificate of the national board.

22 (ii) A teacher certified by the national board on or
23 after August 1, 2007, who moves into the state shall be eligible for the
24 yearly incentive bonus of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for every school year
25 the teacher is employed full time, for the life of the certificate of the
26 national board, if, after working for three (3) years with national board
27 certification as a classroom teacher, building-level principal, or building-
28 level assistant principal in a public school district in this state, the
29 teacher is employed as a:

30 (a) Teacher in an accredited teacher
31 preparation program at a state-supported institution of higher education; or

32 (b) Employee of the Department of Education in
33 a teacher preparation program in the teacher's area of specialization.

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35 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-413(a)(3)(F), concerning National
36 Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification funding, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 (F) ~~No person shall~~ A person shall not receive either a
3 starting incentive bonus or a yearly incentive bonus, irrespective of the
4 person's past participation in the certification of the national board, as
5 ~~either~~ a teacher, a building-level principal, or a building-level assistant
6 principal in an Arkansas public school district, teacher in an accredited
7 teacher preparation program at a state-supported institution of higher
8 education, or employee of the Department of Education in a teacher
9 preparation program in the teacher's area of specialization if the person:

10 (i) Leaves the full-time employment of an Arkansas
11 public school district;

12 (ii) Becomes employed as a school district-level
13 central office administrator;

14 (iii) Is employed by an Arkansas institution of
15 higher education and does not teach in an accredited teacher preparation
16 program; ~~or~~

17 (iv) Is employed by an education service cooperative
18 and does not teach in a classroom with students; or

19 (v) Is employed by the Department of Education and
20 does not work in the teacher preparation program in the teacher's area of
21 specialization.

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23 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-17-413(b), concerning National Board for
24 Professional Teaching Standards certification funding, is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 (b)(1) A teacher who receives state moneys for the participation fee
27 of the national board but who does not complete the certification process
28 within three (3) years after the teacher's entry into the certification
29 program of the national board or who becomes certified by the national board
30 but does not teach or serve as a building-level principal or building-level
31 assistant principal in the Arkansas public school system for ~~two (2)~~ three
32 (3) continuous school years after receiving the certification by the national
33 board shall repay the department the amount it contributed to the
34 participation fee of the national board and the total amount it contributed
35 to any yearly bonus.

36 (2) If the teacher, principal, or assistant principal leaves the

1 employment of a public school district before the ~~two (2)~~ three (3)
2 continuous years are completed and is employed by an Arkansas institution of
3 higher education or employed by an education service cooperative and the
4 teacher does not teach in a classroom with students, the teacher, principal,
5 or assistant principal shall repay the department the amount it contributed
6 to the participation fee of the national board and the total amount it
7 contributed to any yearly salary bonus.

8 (3) The State Board of Education may suspend the Arkansas
9 teacher's license of any person that fails, when required to do so, to repay
10 moneys contributed by the department for the certification program of the
11 national board.

12 (4) Repayment of moneys contributed by the department is not
13 required if, due to the death or disability of the teacher or other
14 extenuating circumstances as may be recognized by the State Board of
15 Education, the teacher does not complete the certification process of the
16 national board or does not teach in the Arkansas public school system for ~~two~~
17 three (3) continuous school years after completing the certification
18 process of the national board.

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