

**NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
TEACHERS**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Aaron Osmond

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates a National Board Certification Scholarship Program for public school teachers.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the National Board Certification Scholarship Program; and
- ▶ directs the State Board of Education to:
 - award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible teachers to attain a National Board Certification or renew an existing National Board Certification;
 - select an independent evaluator, through a request for proposals process, to evaluate the effectiveness of National Board Certified Teachers compared to teachers that are not National Board Certified;
 - award stipends, on a competitive basis, to National Board Certified Teachers to provide mentoring to candidates for National Board Certification;
 - report to the Education Interim Committee, starting in 2021; and
 - make rules.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2016:



28 ▶ to the State Board of Education - State Office of Education - Initiative Programs, as
29 an ongoing appropriation:

- 30 • from the Education Fund, \$1,500,000; and

31 ▶ to the State Board of Education - State Office of Education - Initiative Programs, as
32 a one-time appropriation:

- 33 • from the Education Fund, \$10,000,000.

34 **Other Special Clauses:**

35 This bill provides a special effective date.

36 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

37 ENACTS:

38 **53A-6-1001**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

39 **53A-6-1002**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

40 **53A-6-1003**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



42 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

43 Section 1. Section **53A-6-1001** is enacted to read:

44 **Part 10. The National Board Certification Scholarship Program**

45 **53A-6-1001. Title.**

46 This part is known as "The National Board Certification Scholarship Program."

47 Section 2. Section **53A-6-1002** is enacted to read:

48 **53A-6-1002. Definitions.**

49 (1) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

50 (2) "Eligible teacher" means a teacher that:

51 (a) has been licensed under Title 53A, Chapter 6, Educator Licensing and Professional

52 Practices Act;

53 (b) is employed by an LEA; and

54 (c) meets other criteria as determined by the board.

55 (3) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district, charter school, or the

56 Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

57 (4) "National Board Certification" or "certificate" means a certificate issued by the

58 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

59 Section 3. Section **53A-6-1003** is enacted to read:

60 **53A-6-1003. National Board Certification Scholarship Program.**

61 (1) The National Board Certification Scholarship Program is created to:

62 (a) award scholarships to eligible teachers, on a competitive basis, to:

63 (i) attain a National Board Certification; or

64 (ii) renew a National Board Certification;

65 (b) evaluate the effectiveness of National Board Certified Teachers compared to

66 teachers that are not National Board Certified; and

67 (c) provide stipends for existing National Board Certified Teachers as described in
68 Subsection (5).

69 (2) Subject to legislative appropriations, the board shall award scholarships to eligible
70 teachers, on a competitive basis, for:

71 (a) the cost to attain or renew a National Board Certification; and

72 (b) up to four days of paid professional development time that may be used to:

73 (i) cover the cost of a substitute during the school year; or

74 (ii) provide a stipend for professional development attended during the summer.

75 (3) As a condition of receiving a scholarship under this section, an eligible teacher
76 shall agree to repay the scholarship, in accordance with Subsections (4)(a) and (b), if the
77 eligible teacher receives the scholarship and:

78 (a) does not complete the certificate within three years of the date on which the
79 scholarship was awarded; or

80 (b) leaves state employment within five years of the date on which the scholarship was
81 awarded.

82 (4) If scholarship repayment is required under Subsection (3), the board shall:

83 (a) prorate the amount of the scholarship to be repaid under Subsection (3)(b) based on
84 the amount of time that the scholarship recipient was employed by the state after receiving the
85 scholarship;

86 (b) amortize the amount of the scholarship repayment over five years at a fixed rate of
87 5% simple interest; and

88 (c) deposit scholarship repayment proceeds into the restricted account described in
89 Subsection (6)(b).

90 (5) Subject to legislative appropriations, the board shall award stipends to current
91 National Board Certified Teachers on a competitive basis:

- 92 (a) to mentor candidates for National Board Certification; and
- 93 (b) for up to four days of paid professional development time that may be used to:
 - 94 (i) cover the cost of a substitute during the school year; or
 - 95 (ii) provide a stipend for professional development attended during the summer.

96 (6) The board shall:

97 (a) make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Administrative Rulemaking

98 Act, specifying:

99 (i) procedures for applying for:

100 (A) scholarships under Subsection (2); and

101 (B) stipends under Subsection (5); and

102 (ii) criteria for awarding:

103 (A) scholarships under Subsection (2); and

104 (B) stipends under Subsection (5); and

105 (b) create a restricted account consisting of:

106 (i) funds appropriated by the Legislature for the National Board Certification

107 Scholarship Program; and

108 (ii) scholarship repayment proceeds described in Subsection (4)(c).

109 (7) (a) The board shall select an independent evaluator, through a request for proposals

110 process, to act as an independent contractor to conduct longitudinal research on the

111 effectiveness of National Board Certified Teachers compared to teachers that are not National

112 Board Certified.

113 (b) On or before November 1, 2021, and on or before November 1 each year thereafter,

114 the board and the independent evaluator selected under Subsection (7)(a), shall report on the

115 status of the National Board Certification Scholarship Program, including the:

116 (i) number of teachers that were awarded scholarships;

117 (ii) number of teachers that completed the certificate; and

118 (iii) the findings of the longitudinal research described in Subsection (7)(a).

119 **Section 4. Appropriation.**

120 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for

121 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following sums of money
 122 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts
 123 previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in
 124 addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2016.

125	<u>To State Board of Education - State Office of Education - Initiative Programs</u>	
126	<u>From Education Fund</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>
127	<u>From Education Fund, One-time</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

128 Schedule of Programs:

129	<u>National Board Certification Scholarship Program</u>	<u>\$11,500,000</u>
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130 The Legislature intends that:

131 (1) the State Office of Education use:

132 (a) at least \$10,000,000 of the appropriation provided in this section to award
 133 scholarships for teachers to attain a National Board Certification;

134 (b) at least \$1,000,000 of the appropriation provided in this section to award
 135 scholarships for teachers to renew a National Board Certification;

136 (c) up to \$250,000 of the appropriation provided in this section for an independent
 137 evaluation of the program; and

138 (d) up to \$250,000 of the appropriation provided in this section:

139 (i) for administration of the program; and

140 (ii) to award stipends for existing National Board Certified Teachers;

141 (2) the appropriation described in Subsection (1)(a) is:

142 (a) one-time; and

143 (b) non-lapsing; and

144 (3) the appropriations described in Subsections (1)(b) through (d) are:

145 (a) ongoing; and

146 (b) non-lapsing.

147 **Section 5. Effective date.**

148 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 12, 2015.

149 (2) Uncodified Section 4, Appropriation, takes effect on July 1, 2015.

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