

Senator Aaron Osmond proposes the following substitute bill:

**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;
- ▶ 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; and
 - make rules; and
- ▶ repeals the National Board Certification Scholarship Program, except provisions related to scholarship repayment, on July 1, 2018.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2016:



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

- 28 • from the Education Fund, \$370,000.

29 **Other Special Clauses:**

30 This bill provides a special effective date.

31 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

32 AMENDS:

33 **63I-1-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapters 189, 226, and 412

34 ENACTS:

35 **53A-6-1001**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36 **53A-6-1002**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

37 **53A-6-1003**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

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

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

42 **53A-6-1001. Title.**

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

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

45 **53A-6-1002. Definitions.**

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

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

48 (a) has been licensed under Title 53A, Chapter 6, Educator Licensing and Professional
49 Practices Act;

50 (b) is employed by an LEA; and

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

52 (3) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district, charter school, or the
53 Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

54 (4) "National Board Certification" or "certificate" means a certificate issued by the
55 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

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

57 **53A-6-1003. National Board Certification Scholarship Program.**

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

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

60 (i) attain a National Board Certification; or

61 (ii) renew a National Board Certification; and

62 (b) evaluate the effectiveness of National Board Certified Teachers.

63 (2) Subject to legislative appropriations, the board shall award scholarships to eligible

64 teachers, on a competitive basis, for:

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

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

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

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

69 (3) As a condition of receiving a scholarship under this section, an eligible teacher

70 shall agree to repay the scholarship, in accordance with Subsections (4)(a) and (b), if the

71 eligible teacher receives the scholarship and:

72 (a) does not complete the certificate within three years of the date on which the

73 scholarship was awarded; or

74 (b) leaves state employment within five years of the date on which the scholarship was

75 awarded.

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

77 (a) prorate the amount of the scholarship to be repaid under Subsection (3)(b) based on

78 the amount of time that the scholarship recipient was employed by the state after receiving the

79 scholarship;

80 (b) amortize the amount of the scholarship repayment over five years at a fixed rate of

81 5% simple interest; and

82 (c) deposit scholarship repayment proceeds into the restricted account described in

83 Subsection (6).

84 (5) The board shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah

85 Administrative Rulemaking Act, specifying:

86 (a) procedures for applying for scholarships under Subsection (2); and

87 (b) criteria for awarding scholarships under Subsection (2).

- 88 (6) The board shall create a restricted account consisting of:
- 89 (a) funds appropriated by the Legislature for the National Board Certification
- 90 Scholarship Program; and
- 91 (b) scholarship repayment proceeds described in Subsection (4)(c).
- 92 (7) (a) The board shall select an independent evaluator, through a request for proposals
- 93 process, to act as an independent contractor to conduct longitudinal research on the
- 94 effectiveness of National Board Certified Teachers, including a comparison of the student
- 95 learning gains of students taught by National Board Certified Teachers to the student learning
- 96 gains of students taught by other national teacher certification organizations.
- 97 (b) The board shall ensure that a contract with an independent evaluator selected under
- 98 Subsection (7)(a) require the independent evaluator to report to the Education Interim
- 99 Committee on or before November 1, 2017.

Section 4. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:

63I-1-253. Repeal dates, Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.

The following provisions are repealed on the following dates:

- (1) Section [53-3-232](#), Conditional license, is repealed July 1, 2015.
- (2) Subsection [53-10-202](#)(18) is repealed July 1, 2018.
- (3) Section [53-10-202.1](#) is repealed July 1, 2018.
- (4) Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 6, Public Education Job Enhancement Program is repealed July 1, 2020.
- (5) Subsections [53A-6-1003](#)(2), (5), and (7), are repealed July 1, 2018.
- ~~(5)~~ (6) Title 53A, Chapter 11, Part 15, School Safety Tip Line, is repealed July 1, 2015.
- ~~(6)~~ (7) The State Instructional Materials Commission, created in Section [53A-14-101](#), is repealed July 1, 2016.
- ~~(7)~~ (8) Subsections [53A-16-113](#)(3) and (4) are repealed December 31, 2016.
- ~~(8)~~ (9) Section [53A-16-114](#) is repealed December 31, 2016.
- ~~(9)~~ (10) Section [53A-17a-163](#), Performance-based Compensation Pilot Program is repealed July 1, 2016.
- ~~(10)~~ (11) Section [53B-24-402](#), Rural residency training program, is repealed July 1, 2015.

