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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

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

4           "**§302A-706** [~~Teacher national board~~] National certification  
5 **incentive program.** (a) There is established within the  
6 department the [~~teacher~~] national [~~board~~] certification  
7 incentive program to recognize and support exemplary [~~teaching~~]  
8 educational practice by supporting public school teachers and  
9 school psychologists who have achieved national [~~board~~]  
10 certification under the certification program of the National  
11 Board for Professional Teaching Standards[-] or the National  
12 Association of School Psychologists. The [~~teacher~~] national  
13 [~~board~~] certification incentive program shall provide:

14           (1) A \$5,000 bonus per year for each public school teacher  
15           or school psychologist who maintains current national  
16           [~~board~~] certification;



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- 1           (2) \$1,500 upon completing all components of the  
2                   certification program of the National Board for  
3                   Professional Teaching Standards[+] or National  
4                   Association of School Psychologists;
- 5           (3) A reimbursement of the remainder of the national  
6                   [board] certification application fee upon achievement  
7                   of national [board] certification; [and]
- 8           (4) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year for each public  
9                   school teacher or school psychologist who maintains  
10                  current national [board] certification and who  
11                  [teaches] is employed at:
- 12                   (A) A school in a focus, priority, or  
13                   superintendent's zone, or other similar  
14                   designation, as determined by the department;
- 15                   (B) A school with a high turnover rate, as determined  
16                   by the department; or
- 17                   (C) A hard-to-fill school, as determined by the  
18                   department[+]; and
- 19           (5) An additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ bonus per year for any school  
20                   psychologist employed at a public school who received  
21                   a yearly bonus pursuant to paragraph (4); provided



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1           that the school psychologist maintains national  
2           certification and continues working in the same school  
3           after the school transitions from the qualifying  
4           designation pursuant to paragraph (4). The school  
5           psychologist shall receive the additional bonus from  
6           the time the school no longer meets any of the  
7           criteria under paragraph (4) until the end date of the  
8           school psychologist's national certification in effect  
9           at the time the school lost its designation, or until  
10          the school psychologist is no longer employed at the  
11          school, whichever occurs first."

12           SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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**Report Title:**

Education; National Certification Incentive Program

**Description:**

Expands the National Certification Incentive Program to provide monetary incentives to school psychologists. Authorizes continuing bonuses for school psychologists in certain designated schools that improve and no longer carry a certain designation.

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