

CHAPTER 39

(SB 89)

AN ACT relating to national board-certified teachers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 157.395 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, ~~[- a local board of education shall provide]~~ a public school teacher, ***or a secondary teacher employed in a Kentucky Tech school or program operated by the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet***, who has attained certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as of July 14, 2000, or thereafter ***shall receive*** ~~[-with]~~ an annual national board certification salary supplement of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the life of the certificate. The supplement shall be added to:
- (a) The teacher's base salary on the local board's single salary schedule and shall be considered in the calculation for contributions to the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System; ***or***
- (b) ***The state-employed teacher's base salary and shall be considered in the calculation for contributions to the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System.***

If a nationally certified teacher becomes no longer employed as a classroom teacher or a teacher mentor in the field of his or her national certification, the supplement shall cease.

- (2) A local board of education ***or the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet*** shall request reimbursement for these purposes from the fund to support education excellence described in KRS 157.330.

➔Section 2. KRS 161.133 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) There is hereby established a "Teachers' National Certification Incentive Trust Fund" in the State Treasury for the purposes of:
- (a) Funding stipends for teachers to prepare for certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;
- (b) Reimbursing a portion of the certification fee to each teacher who is awarded national board certification;
- (c) Reimbursing local boards of education ***or the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet*** for persons who serve as substitute teachers for national board certification candidates; and
- (d) Funding stipends for national board certified teachers who serve as mentors to other teachers within the school district ***or the Kentucky Tech system.***
- (2) Appropriations by the General Assembly in each biennial budget for the purpose of supporting national board certification shall be credited to the fund and invested until needed. All money credited to the fund, including interest earned on money in the fund, shall be retained in the fund for reinvestment and used for the purposes of this section. Funds appropriated to the fund shall not lapse at the end of a fiscal year or a biennium.
- (3) The Education Professional Standards Board shall promulgate administrative regulations that establish the procedures for the administration of the funds as described in this section and the requirements for participating teachers, ~~[- and]~~ local boards of education, ***and the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.*** The board shall allocate only those funds to teachers, ~~[- or]~~ school districts, ***or the cabinet*** for the purposes in this section for which other sources of funds are not being received. The board may limit the number of participants accepted in any given enrollment or application period due to the lack of available funds.
- (4) Money in the fund shall be distributed to local boards of education, ***the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet***, and teachers by the ***Education Professional Standards Board*** ~~[- Kentucky Department of Education]~~ in compliance with the administrative regulations promulgated by the board.

Signed by Governor March 30, 2010.