

SENATE BILL NO. 47—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

PREFILED JANUARY 27, 1999

(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

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Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to Department of Education for reimbursement of certain costs of public school teachers to acquire national certification. (BDR S-244)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT making an appropriation to the Department of Education for reimbursement of certain costs of public school teachers related to acquiring certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND  
ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1    **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general  
2 fund to the Department of Education the sum of \$20,000 for reimbursement  
3 of certain costs of public school teachers related to acquiring certification  
4 by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.  
5    2. If a public school teacher desires to obtain reimbursement from the  
6 Department of Education for the costs that will be incurred in acquiring  
7 certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the  
8 teacher shall file a statement of intended certification with the school district  
9 by whom he is employed. The statement must be filed at least 1 year before  
10 the teacher reasonably believes that he will acquire the certification. Upon  
11 receipt of such a statement, the school district shall forward a copy of the  
12 statement to the Department of Education.  
13    3. Upon certification, a public school teacher who has filed such a  
14 statement may request reimbursement by submitting to the school district

1 proof that he has acquired the certification and a statement of the costs  
2 incurred by the teacher in acquiring the certification. The school district  
3 shall verify the certification and the statement of costs. Upon verification,  
4 the school district shall notify the Department of Education of the  
5 certification and the amount of verified costs and shall request the  
6 Department to reimburse the teacher. Upon receipt of such a request, the  
7 Department shall cause the teacher to be reimbursed. Such a reimbursement  
8 must not exceed an amount equal to the actual verified costs incurred by the  
9 teacher or \$2,000, whichever is less, to the extent that money is available  
10 from the appropriation made by subsection 1 for this purpose or other  
11 sources.

12 4. The Department of Education shall not reimburse costs related to  
13 certification acquired by a teacher before July 1, 1999.

14 **Sec. 2.** Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection  
15 1 of section 1 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June  
16 30, 2001, and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of  
17 money committed have been made.

18 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.