

SENATE BILL NO. 47—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

PREFILED JANUARY 27, 1999

(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

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.

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; requiring a teacher to repay the reimbursement to the Department under certain circumstances; 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 or the governing body of the charter school by whom he is employed. The
10 statement must be filed at least 1 year before the teacher reasonably believes
11 that he will acquire the certification. Upon receipt of such a statement, the
12 school district or governing body shall forward a copy of the statement to
13 the Department of Education.

1 3. Upon certification, a public school teacher who has filed such a
2 statement may request reimbursement by submitting to the school district or
3 the governing body of the charter school by whom he is employed:

4 (a) A written statement indicating that the teacher understands that if he
5 does not teach in a public school in this state, including, without limitation,
6 a charter school, for at least 2 years after the date on which he receives the
7 reimbursement, he will be required to repay the reimbursement to the
8 Department of Education;

9 (b) Proof that he has acquired the certification; and

10 (c) A statement of the costs incurred by the teacher in acquiring the
11 certification.

12 4. A school district or the governing body of a charter school shall
13 verify the certification and the statement of costs submitted by a teacher
14 pursuant to subsection 3. Upon verification, the school district or governing
15 body shall notify the Department of Education of the certification and the
16 amount of verified costs and shall request the Department to reimburse the
17 teacher. Upon receipt of such a request, the Department shall cause the
18 teacher to be reimbursed if the teacher agrees to teach in a public school in
19 this state, including, without limitation, a charter school, for at least 2 years
20 after the date on which he receives the reimbursement. Such a
21 reimbursement must not exceed an amount equal to the actual verified costs
22 incurred by the teacher or \$2,000, whichever is less, to the extent that
23 money is available from the appropriation made by subsection 1 for this
24 purpose or other sources.

25 5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a teacher who
26 receives a reimbursement pursuant to this section does not teach in a public
27 school in this state, including, without limitation, a charter school, for at
28 least 2 years after the date on which he received the reimbursement, the
29 teacher shall repay the full amount of the reimbursement to the Department
30 of Education. The teacher may request that the Department of Education
31 grant a waiver from the repayment required by this subsection. The
32 Department of Education may grant a waiver if the Department determines
33 that the teacher suffers from a hardship that warrants a waiver. The
34 Department of Education shall prescribe the procedures for the repayment
35 required by this subsection and the procedures for a teacher to request a
36 waiver from the repayment. The Department of Education shall use any
37 money that it receives pursuant to this subsection to reimburse the costs of
38 other teachers who acquire certification by the National Board of
39 Professional Teaching Standards.

40 6. The Department of Education shall not reimburse costs related to
41 certification acquired by a teacher before July 1, 1999.

42 **Sec. 2.** Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection
43 1 of section 1 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June

- 1 30, 2001, and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of
- 2 money committed have been made.
- 3 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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