

(b) (1) For fiscal year 2000 and each subsequent fiscal year, the Governor shall include in each year's operating budget funding for the stipends and bonuses provided in this subsection.

(2) A classroom teacher OR ~~INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED OR PROMOTED FROM A CLASSROOM TEACHER TO AN INSTRUCTIONAL OR CLASSROOM SUPPORT POSITION~~ OTHER NONADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL-BASED EMPLOYEE [who holds a standard professional certificate or an advanced professional certificate who is employed by a county board and who holds a certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards] shall receive a stipend from the State in an amount equal to the county grant for national certification, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per qualified [teacher] ~~INDIVIDUAL IF THE CLASSROOM TEACHER OR INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED OR PROMOTED FROM A CLASSROOM TEACHER TO AN INSTRUCTIONAL OR CLASSROOM SUPPORT POSITION:~~

~~(I) HOLDS A STANDARD PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE OR AN ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE;~~

~~(II) IS EMPLOYED BY A COUNTY BOARD; AND~~

~~(III) HOLDS A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS.~~

(3) (i) An individual who graduates from an accredited institution of higher education with a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent, becomes employed by a county board, and remains employed as a classroom teacher in the public school system for a minimum of 3 consecutive years shall receive a salary signing bonus of \$1,000.

(ii) If the individual leaves employment with the public school system before the end of the 3-year commitment, the individual shall reimburse the State in the amount of \$1,000.

(4) A classroom teacher who holds an advanced professional certificate and teaches in a public school identified by the State Board as a [reconstitution school, a reconstitution eligible school,] SCHOOL IN CORRECTIVE ACTION, A SCHOOL IN RESTRUCTURING, or a challenge school shall receive a stipend from the State in the amount of \$2,000 for each year that the teacher performs satisfactorily in the classroom.

(c) An individual who receives a stipend or bonus under subsection (b) of this section may not be deemed an employee of the State.

(d) The employer of an individual who receives a stipend or bonus under subsection (b) of this section shall pay the increase in fringe benefit costs associated with the stipend or bonus.

(e) The Department shall act as fiscal agent for funds disbursed under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.