who hold a certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

House Bill 330, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 268.

Very truly yours, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

Senate Bill No. 268

AN ACT concerning

Education - School-Based Employees - Stipends

FOR the purpose of providing for certain stipends for certain school-based employees under certain circumstances; <u>updating certain terms</u>; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the provision of stipends to certificated school-based employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 6-306

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

6 - 306.

- (a) (1) In this section[,] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
- (2) ["county] "COUNTY grant for national certification" means an annual grant distributed to a teacher certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards established:
 - [(1)] (I) Outside of the collective bargaining process; or
- [(2)](II) As part of a collective bargaining agreement with the local employee organization.
- (3) "SCHOOL-BASED EMPLOYEE" MEANS A CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEE WHO WORKS DIRECTLY WITH STUDENTS OR TEACHERS AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL.