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(A) ~~(A)~~ IN THIS SECTION, "COUNTY GRANT FOR NATIONAL CERTIFICATION" MEANS AN ANNUAL GRANT DISTRIBUTED TO A TEACHER CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS ESTABLISHED:

(1) OUTSIDE OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS; OR

(2) AS PART OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCAL EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION.

(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 ~~SALARY ENHANCEMENTS~~ BONUSES PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) A CLASSROOM TEACHER WHO HOLDS A STANDARD PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE OR AN ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A COUNTY BOARD AND WHO ~~EARN~~ HOLDS A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS SHALL RECEIVE A STIPEND FROM THE STATE IN AN ~~AN~~ AMOUNT EQUAL TO 10% OF THE TEACHER'S ANNUAL SALARY OF ~~\$2,000~~ FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE TEACHER MAINTAINS NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION AND REMAINS EMPLOYED AS A TEACHER IN A ~~MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM~~ EQUAL TO THE COUNTY GRANT FOR NATIONAL CERTIFICATION, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$2,000 PER QUALIFIED TEACHER.

(3) (I) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO GRADUATES FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE TOP 10% OF HIS OR HER CLASS, BECOMES EMPLOYED BY A COUNTY BOARD, AND REMAINS EMPLOYED AS A CLASSROOM TEACHER IN ~~THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM~~ A PUBLIC SCHOOL WITH A HIGH AT RISK POPULATION THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR A MINIMUM OF 3 CONSECUTIVE YEARS SHALL RECEIVE A SALARY SIGNING BONUS OF ~~\$2,000~~ \$1,000.

(II) IF THE INDIVIDUAL ~~LEAVES EMPLOYMENT WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM NO LONGER TEACHES AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL WITH A HIGH AT RISK POPULATION~~ 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 ~~\$2,000~~ \$1,000.

(4) A CLASSROOM TEACHER WHO HOLDS AN ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE AND TEACHES IN OR ACTS AS A MENTOR IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL WITH A HIGH AT RISK STUDENT POPULATION IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE BOARD AS A RECONSTITUTION SCHOOL, A RECONSTITUTION-ELIGIBLE SCHOOL, OR A CHALLENGE SCHOOL SHALL RECEIVE A STIPEND FROM THE STATE IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE TEACHER PERFORMS SATISFACTORILY IN THE CLASSROOM OR AS A MENTOR IN THE SCHOOL.

~~(B)~~ (C) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVES A STIPEND OR ~~SALARY ENHANCEMENT~~ BONUS UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(A)~~ (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE DEEMED AN EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE.