

(2) A classroom teacher 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.

(3) (i) An individual who graduates from an accredited institution of higher education [in the top 10% of his or her class] WITH A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST ~~3.6~~ 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]~~ \$2,000.

(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]~~ \$2,000.

(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, 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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.

CHAPTER 346

(House Bill 68)

AN ACT concerning

Caroline County - Sheriff - Salary

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the Sheriff of Caroline County; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary of the incumbent Sheriff; and generally relating to the salary of the Sheriff of Caroline County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 2-309(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 378 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000)

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