

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 179 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997, as amended by Chapter 536 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999, Chapter 61 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000, and Chapter 240 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004

Section 3

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

Article - Education

6-112.

(a) There is a program of State and local aid to teachers who pursue certification OR RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards known as the State and Local Aid Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

(b) Each school year, the State Board shall select, consistent with the amount provided in the State budget for the Program, a maximum of [750] 1,000 teachers to participate in the Program.

(C) THE STATE BOARD MAY PROVIDE AID UNDER THE PROGRAM TO A PARTICIPANT FOR UP TO ONE RETAKE OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL ENTRY ON THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS ASSESSMENT.

[(c)] (D) The State Board shall adopt regulations to implement and administer the Program established under this section, including:

- (1) Procedures for submitting applications for aid; and
- (2) Criteria for the selection of recipients of aid.

[(d)] (E) (1) [Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, EACH teacher selected by the State Board to receive aid shall receive from the State an amount equal to the certification fee charged by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

(2) Each county shall pay to the State one-third of the cost of certification for each teacher who participates in the Program who teaches in the county.