FOR the purpose of establishing a Study Commission to Explore the Expanded Application of State Stipends for National Certification of Teachers; providing for the membership of the Study Commission; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Study Commission; requiring the State Department of Education to provide staff for the Study Commission; providing that a member of the Study Commission may not receive compensation but is entitled to certain reimbursement; requiring the Study Commission to assess the rigor of national certification for certain occupations and determine how these national certifications compare to national teacher certification and make certain recommendations; requiring the Study Commission to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the expanded application of State stipends for national certification of teachers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education Section 6–306(a) and (b)(2) Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

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6-306.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) "County grant for national certification" means an annual grant distributed to a teacher certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards established:
  - (i) Outside of the collective bargaining process; or
- (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.
- (b) (2) A classroom teacher or 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