

(e) A member of the Study Commission:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Study Commission; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Study Commission shall:

(1) assess the rigor of national certification for speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, school psychologists, physical therapists, school counselors, and others to determine how each of these national certifications compares to national teacher certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

(2) invite academic experts to submit testimony; and

(3) make recommendations regarding whether the stipends awarded to teachers and other school-based employees under § 6-306(b)(2) of the Education Article should be expanded to include speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, school psychologists, school counselors, or others.

(g) On or before December 31, 2007, the Study Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 17, 2007

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
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Dear Mr. President: