

# HOUSE BILL No. 1413

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-28-13; IC 20-43.

**Synopsis:** Teacher certification fees and incentives. Provides that the department of education shall pay each year the certification fees for up to 2,000 teachers who participate in the certification process offered by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Annually appropriates from the state general fund the amounts necessary to pay the certification fees. Provides a national board certification incentive grant of \$5,000 to school corporations for each teacher employed by a school corporation who holds a valid certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is a classroom teacher.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 16, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-28-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2014]:  
4 **Chapter 13. Payment of National Board Certification Fees**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "national board" refers to the**  
6 **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, a**  
7 **nonpartisan, independent, and nonprofit board composed of**  
8 **teachers and others that:**  
9 (1) **has developed a set of standards for teachers; and**  
10 (2) **operates a national voluntary system to assess and certify**  
11 **teachers who meet the board's standards.**  
12 **Sec. 2. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, if a teacher**  
13 **employed by a school corporation:**  
14 (1) **applies to participate in the certification program offered**  
15 **by the national board; and**  
16 (2) **applies to the department of education for payment of**



1 certification fees charged to the teacher by the national  
 2 board;  
 3 the department shall pay on behalf of the teacher the certification  
 4 fees charged to the teacher by the national board.

5 Sec. 3. (a) The department may not pay certification fees under  
 6 this section for more than two thousand (2,000) teachers in a  
 7 calendar year.

8 (b) The department shall record the time of filing of each  
 9 application for payment of certification fees under this section and  
 10 shall pay the certification fees in the chronological order in which  
 11 the applications are filed in the calendar year. If the department  
 12 has paid certification fees for two thousand (2,000) teachers for a  
 13 year, the department may not pay any additional certification fees  
 14 for the year, but may, if an applicant requests, approve the  
 15 payment of certification fees with respect to the next calendar year.

16 Sec. 4. The amounts necessary to pay certification fees under  
 17 this section are annually appropriated to the department from the  
 18 state general fund.

19 SECTION 2. IC 20-43-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.205-2013,  
 20 SECTION 270, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 21 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 3. If the total amount to be  
 22 distributed:

- 23 (1) as basic tuition support;
- 24 (2) for honors diploma awards;
- 25 (3) for complexity grants;
- 26 (4) for special education grants;
- 27 (5) for career and technical education grants;
- 28 (6) for choice scholarships;
- 29 (7) for Mitch Daniels early graduation scholarships; ~~and~~
- 30 (8) for full-day kindergarten grants; **and**
- 31 **(9) for national board certification incentive grants;**

32 for a particular state fiscal year exceeds the amounts appropriated by  
 33 the general assembly for those purposes for the state fiscal year, the  
 34 total amount to be distributed for those purposes to each recipient  
 35 during the remaining months of the state fiscal year shall be  
 36 proportionately reduced so that the total reductions equal the amount  
 37 of the excess.

38 SECTION 3. IC 20-43-10-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 39 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 40 1, 2014]: Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "national board" refers  
 41 to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, a  
 42 nonpartisan, independent, and nonprofit board composed of



- 1 teachers and others that:
- 2 (1) has developed a set of standards for teachers; and
- 3 (2) operates a national voluntary system to assess and certify
- 4 teachers who meet the board's standards.
- 5 (b) A school corporation is eligible for a national board
- 6 certification incentive grant in the amount determined under STEP
- 7 TWO of the following formula:
- 8 STEP ONE: Determine the number of teachers employed by
- 9 the school corporation in the school year ending in the current
- 10 calendar year who:
- 11 (A) hold valid certifications from the national board; and
- 12 (B) are classroom teachers.
- 13 STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE amount by five
- 14 thousand dollars (\$5,000).
- 15 (c) Money that a school corporation receives for a national
- 16 board certification incentive grant under this section shall be
- 17 deposited in the school corporation's general fund and may be used
- 18 for any general fund purpose.

