

SENATE BILL NO. 2135

Introduced by

Education Committee

(At the request of the Education Standards and Practices Board)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for national certification of teachers; and to provide an
2 appropriation.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. Definitions.** As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 5 1. "Board" means the education standards and practices board.
6 2. "Certification" means national board certification as provided by the national board.
7 3. "National board" means the national board for professional teaching standards.

8 **SECTION 2. Board duties.** The board shall:

- 9 1. Inform teachers of the existence of the national board certification program and the
10 scholarships and services the national board provides to teachers seeking
11 certification.
12 2. Collect and review scholarship applications from individuals who are licensed to
13 teach by the board or approved to teach by the board.
14 3. Ensure that all scholarship recipients receive adequate information regarding the
15 level of commitment required to acquire certification.
16 4. Review each application chronologically.
17 5. Assist with the assessment costs of certification with a scholarship of one thousand
18 one hundred fifty dollars for each of the first seventeen eligible applicants.
19 6. Provide at the conclusion of each of the first four full school years after the
20 individual obtains the certification, an additional one thousand five hundred dollars
21 stipend, if:
22 a. The individual served during the school year as a full-time classroom teacher
23 in a public school in this state; and

