

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2135  
(Education Committee)  
(At the request of the Education Standards and Practices Board)

AN ACT to provide for national certification of teachers; and to provide an appropriation.

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

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

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

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

1. Inform teachers of the national board certification program and the scholarships and services the national board provides to teachers seeking certification.
2. Collect and review in the order received scholarship applications from individuals who are licensed to teach by the board or approved to teach by the board.
3.
  - a. Approve no more than seventeen applications per year;
  - b. During each year of the biennium, reserve three of the available scholarships for individuals teaching at low-performing schools;
  - c. During each year of the biennium, award no more than two of the remaining fourteen available scholarships to applicants employed by the same school district;
  - d. Require the recipient to serve during the school year as a full-time classroom teacher in a public or nonpublic school in this state; and
  - e. Require the recipient to participate in mentoring programs and teacher evaluation programs developed and implemented in the employing school or school district.
4. Ensure that all scholarship recipients receive adequate information regarding the level of commitment required to acquire certification.
5. If any individual who receives a scholarship under this section does not complete the certification process within the time allotted by the board, the individual must reimburse the state an amount equal to one-half of the amount awarded to the individual as a scholarship.

**SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$40,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the education standards and practices board for the purpose of procuring federal matching grants to provide for the national board certification of teachers, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2005.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2135.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    45        Nays    1        Absent    1

House Vote:    Yeas    92        Nays    0        Absent    2

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State