

House Bill 3180

Sponsored by Representative KOMP

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to use moneys in National Board Certification Fund to assist candidates with expenses related to attaining certification through National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to assistance with attaining certification through the National Board for Professional
3 Teaching Standards; creating new provisions; amending ORS 342.122; and declaring an emer-
4 gency.

5 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

6 **SECTION 1.** ORS 342.122 is amended to read:

7 342.122. (1) There is created the National Board Certification Fund, separate and distinct from
8 the General Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the National Board Certification Fund shall be
9 credited to the fund.

10 (2) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission may accept from any source any grant,
11 donation or gift of money or other valuable thing made to the commission for purposes of the Na-
12 tional Board Certification Fund.

13 (3) Moneys credited to the National Board Certification Fund are continuously appropriated to
14 the commission for the purposes set forth in subsections (4) and (5) of this section. The commission
15 may draw checks or orders upon the State Treasurer in making disbursements from the fund for the
16 purposes stated in this subsection.

17 (4)(a) Moneys in the National Board Certification Fund shall be used to encourage public school
18 teachers and administrators in this state to apply for and attain certification through the National
19 Board for Professional Teaching Standards or any other national professional organization for
20 teaching standards designated by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. **Moneys in the
21 fund may be used to assist candidates with the direct costs of seeking and obtaining national
22 board certification.**

23 **(b) Moneys in the fund may be distributed to candidates to assist with expenses related
24 to attaining certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
25 as follows:**

26 **(A) Fifty percent to be provided to a candidate as a grant; and**

27 **(B) Fifty percent to be provided to a candidate as a loan that may be forgiven upon
28 completion of three years of employment at a low-performing school, as identified by the
29 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission in consultation with the Department of Edu-
30 cation.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

