House Bill 3180

Sponsored by Representative KOMP

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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

Relating to assistance with attaining certification through the National Board for Professional
Teaching Standards; creating new provisions; amending ORS 342.122; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 342.122 is amended to read:

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

- (2) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission may accept from any source any grant, donation or gift of money or other valuable thing made to the commission for purposes of the National Board Certification Fund.
- (3) Moneys credited to the National Board Certification Fund are continuously appropriated to the commission for the purposes set forth in subsections (4) and (5) of this section. The commission may draw checks or orders upon the State Treasurer in making disbursements from the fund for the purposes stated in this subsection.
- (4)(a) Moneys in the National Board Certification Fund shall be used to encourage public school teachers and administrators in this state to apply for and attain certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or any other national professional organization for teaching standards designated by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. Moneys in the fund may be used to assist candidates with the direct costs of seeking and obtaining national board certification.
- (b) Moneys in the fund may be distributed to candidates to assist with expenses related to attaining certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as follows:
 - (A) Fifty percent to be provided to a candidate as a grant; and
- (B) Fifty percent to be provided to a candidate as a loan that may be forgiven upon completion of three years of employment at a low-performing school, as identified by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission in consultation with the Department of Education.

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.

[(5) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission may disburse moneys from the National
Board Certification Fund to applicants for assistance with the direct costs of seeking and obtaining
national board certification. The commission shall manage the fund in a manner that provides support,
but does not pay for all the costs of any one application. Additionally, the commission shall manage
the fund to provide continuous support to as many applicants as possible.]

- (5) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall manage the fund to provide continuous support to at least 50 candidates per year.
- (6) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall adopt rules that govern the disbursement of moneys from the National Board Certification Fund consistent with this section.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_______, for deposit in the National Board Certification Fund.

SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect July 1, 2015.