

HB 2763

Relating to teachers

HB 2763 appropriates \$1.7 million General Fund to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission for deposit into the National Board Certification Fund. Roughly \$1.6 million of this appropriation will provide reimbursements to 150 teachers seeking and obtaining national board certification, including costs related to participating in a cohort for certification.

The bill directs TSPC to waive the renewal fee for educator licenses of educators who are certified by a national professional organization for teaching standards recognized by the TSPC.

TSPC will retain \$142,814 of the funding in the 2017-19 biennium for one limited-duration Administrative Specialist (1.00 FTE) to process reimbursements and prepare a report to the Legislative Assembly which will address national board certification outcomes and statistics, as well as identify funding levels necessary to increase the number of teachers holding national board certification in this state, to 10% of all public school teachers.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2763 be amended by the –A6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.