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SENATE FILE 92
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making teachers employed by accredited nonpublic schools
2 eligible for the national board certification pilot project.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 92 EDUCATION

1 Section 1. Section 256.44, subsection 1, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:
3 A national board certification pilot project is established
4 to be administered by the department of education. A teacher,
5 as defined in section 272.1, who registers for or achieves
6 national board for professional teaching standards
7 certification, ~~and who~~ is employed by a school district or an
8 accredited nonpublic school in Iowa, and is receiving a salary
9 as a classroom teacher, may be eligible for the following:

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill expands eligibility for the national board
12 certification pilot project to include teachers employed by
13 accredited nonpublic schools, making them eligible for
14 reimbursement of the fee to register for national board for
15 professional teaching standards certification, and for an
16 annual award of \$2,500 for 10 years.

17 Under the Code, teachers who register by June 30, 2002, are
18 eligible for a reimbursement award of up to 50 percent of the
19 registration fee. Once certified, the teacher is eligible for
20 a final registration reimbursement award of the remaining
21 amount. Teachers who register between January 1, 1999, and
22 January 1, 2002, and achieve certification within three years
23 from the date of initial score notification, are eligible for
24 the annual award.

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FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for Senate File 92 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 92 expands eligibility for the national board certification pilot project to include teachers employed by accredited nonpublic schools.

BACKGROUND

Under the national board certification pilot project, teachers who register by June 30, 2002, are eligible for reimbursement of up to 50.0% of the registration fee. Once certified, the teacher is eligible for reimbursement of the remaining portion of the registration fee. The current registration fee is \$2,300.

Teachers who register before January 1, 2002, and achieve certification within three years from the date of initial score notification are eligible for an annual award of \$2,500 each year they maintain certification, not to exceed ten years.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. Approximately 1.0% of public school teachers have applied for national board certification each year.
2. Approximately 70.0% of those applying for certification are successful in the first year.
3. Approximately 20.0% of those applying are successful in the second year.
4. The remaining 10.0% continue banking points and pursuing certification.
5. The same percentages would apply to nonpublic school teachers.
6. All applicants will succeed at certification within the three-year time limit.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of Senate File 92 is approximately \$111,000 in FY 2002, \$74,000 in FY 2003, and \$78,000 in FY 2004. The estimated fiscal impact in subsequent years is \$75,000 per year, which would begin to decline as teachers receiving the \$2,500 annual stipend reach the ten-year limitation, leave employment in Iowa, or fail to maintain the certification.

SOURCE

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