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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 618, L.D. 1781, Bill, “An Act To Restructure the National Board Certification Program for Teachers”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13007, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 528, Pt. I, §5 and affected by Pt. RRR and enacted by c. 591, Pt. I, §5, is amended to read:

2. Accounting. The commissioner shall:

A. Collect and account for all certificate fees; and

B. Report and pay these fees collected pursuant to subsection 1, except those renewal fees collected for each active and inactive teacher and education specialist to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the General Fund;

C. Report and pay \$50,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 and \$75,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and each fiscal year thereafter from renewal fees collected for each active and inactive teacher and education specialist to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the National Board Certification Scholarship Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Education; and

D. Report and pay renewal fees collected for each active and inactive teacher and education specialist to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Education.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13013-A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 58, §3 and c. 240, Pt. D, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

§13013-A. Salary supplements for national board-certified teachers

1. Department of Education salary supplement. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Education shall provide a public school teacher or a teacher in a publicly supported secondary school who has attained certification from the

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1 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, or its successor organization, ~~as of~~
2 ~~July 1, 2006 or thereafter~~ with an annual national board certification salary supplement of
3 \$3,000 for the life of the certificate. The salary supplement must be added to the teacher's
4 base salary and must be considered in the calculation for contributions to the Maine
5 Public Employees Retirement System. If a nationally certified teacher ~~becomes~~ is no
6 longer employed as a ~~classroom~~ teacher ~~in the field of that teacher's national certification,~~
7 the supplement ceases. The amount of the salary supplement is:

8 A. For fiscal year 2012-13, \$2,500;

9 B. For fiscal year 2013-14, \$2,750; and

10 C. For fiscal year 2014-15 and succeeding years, \$3,000.

11 **1-A. Funding revenue.** The National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund
12 is established beginning in fiscal year 2012-13. The salary supplement under subsection 1
13 must be funded from fees collected by the department pursuant to section 13007,
14 subsection 1 for renewal of a certificate under section 13016.

15 **2. Local filing; certification.** On or before October 15th annually, the
16 superintendent of schools of a school administrative unit or the chief administrative
17 officer of a publicly supported secondary school or career and technical education region
18 shall file with the commissioner a certified list of national board-certified teachers
19 eligible to receive the salary supplement pursuant to subsection 1.

20 **3. Payment.** The department shall provide the salary supplement to eligible teachers
21 no later than February 15th of each year.

22 **4. Expend funds.** A school administrative unit or publicly supported secondary
23 school may expend funds received through the salary supplement under subsection 1
24 without calling for a special meeting of the local legislative body.

25 **5. Scholarship fund.** The National Board Certification Scholarship Fund is
26 established. In fiscal year 2012-13, the department shall allocate \$50,000 from fees
27 collected by the department pursuant to section 13007, subsection 1 for renewal of a
28 certificate under section 13016 to the National Board Certification Scholarship Fund to
29 encourage teachers who have completed at least 3 years of teaching in the State and who
30 agree to mentor at least one other teacher employed in the State through the national
31 board certification process to apply and enroll in the certification program offered by the
32 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or its successor organization. The
33 department shall award an amount equal to the cost of the program less any other funds
34 received by the applicant on a first-come first-served basis for the first 20 teachers
35 accepted into the national teacher board certification program annually. Beginning in
36 fiscal year 2013-14, the department shall allocate additional funds that result in a total of
37 \$75,000 each fiscal year to the National Board Certification Scholarship Fund from fees
38 collected by the department pursuant to section 13007, subsection 1 for renewal of a
39 certificate under section 13016. The department shall award an amount equal to the cost
40 of enrollment in the national teacher board certification program less any other funds
41 received by the applicant to not more than 30 teachers accepted into the program
42 annually.

1 board certified teachers. The amendment establishes, beginning in fiscal year 2012-13,
2 the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund. The salary supplement must
3 be funded through fees collected by the Department of Education for teacher
4 recertification. The amendment also establishes an incentive to encourage teachers with at
5 least 3 years of experience who agree to mentor another teacher through the national
6 board certification process to apply for national board certification. The amendment
7 provides that, beginning with fiscal year 2012-13, the department must establish a
8 nonlapsing scholarship fund to encourage teachers to apply to and enroll in the certificate
9 program of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The amendment also
10 removes a reference to the national board certification salary supplement in the Maine
11 Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15689-A. The amendment also adds an
12 appropriations and allocations section.

13 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

14 **(See attached)**