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An Act To Increase the Supplement for Certain National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certified Teachers in Maine

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13013-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 702, §2, is further amended to read:

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 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, or its successor organization, with an annual national board certification salary supplement for the life of the certificate. The salary supplement must be added to the teacher's base salary and must be considered in the calculation for contributions to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. If a nationally certified teacher is no longer employed as a teacher, the supplement ceases. The amount of the salary supplement is:

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

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

C. For fiscal year 2014-15 and succeeding years, except for a teacher under paragraph D, \$3,000; and

D. For fiscal year 2020-21 and succeeding years, for a teacher who is employed in a school in which at least 50% of students qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch under chapter 223, subchapter 7 during the year that the supplement is provided, \$9,000.

SUMMARY

This bill increases, from \$3,000 to \$9,000, the supplement paid to a teacher who has attained certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is employed in a school in which at least 50% of students qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch during the year that the supplement is provided.