

Fiscal Note

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Title: TEACHERS: BOARD CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE
Sponsor: BJORKMAN
Requester: Senate Finance

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: Education Support and Admin Services
Allocation: Student and School Achievement
OMB Component Number: 2796

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services	6.0						
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits	1,450.0		2,950.0	3,700.0	4,450.0	5,200.0	5,950.0
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	1,456.0	0.0	2,950.0	3,700.0	4,450.0	5,200.0	5,950.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	1,456.0	2,950.0	3,700.0	4,450.0	5,200.0	5,950.0
Total	1,456.0	0.0	2,950.0	3,700.0	4,450.0	5,200.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0						

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No

(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/24

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated to reflect changes in the committee substitute. Accounts for reimbursement of associated costs for board certification, including the registration, enrollment, and assessment fees, travel costs associated with assessment and observation requirements, materials, and supplies. Also accounts for the increase in board certified teachers each year that would be eligible for incentive payments.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill provides for an incentive payment of \$5.0 to each teacher employed by the district or the department who holds a current and valid national board certification.

In addition, this bill provides for reimbursement of educator costs to achieve national board certification. Board certification costs \$1.9 per candidate for initial certification fee for each of the four components, additional costs to achieve board certification may include assessment costs, supplies, retake fees, travel for assessment or observations, and registration fees. With additional costs, certification can cost up to \$10.0 per candidate. States with similar incentive programs saw an approximately 2% increase in total state educators pursuing board certification per year. National board certification may take up to three years to complete.

The Department would provide funding to districts, subject to appropriation, to support districts in providing incentives to eligible teachers.

This fiscal note contains one one-time expense, and two annual expense that increase over time: 1) \$6.0 for legal fees to implement the necessary regulation changes in year one; 2) \$1,075.0 in year one to pay grants to districts and the department to disseminate incentive payments (based on current number of board approved teachers in Alaska, DEED estimates approximately 215 annual payments of \$5.0 per eligible teacher). This is increased by 75 teachers in year two and by 150 teachers each subsequent year to reflect anticipated increase in numbers of board certified teachers (290 teachers in year two for \$1,450.0; 440 teachers in year three for \$2,200.0; 590 teachers in year four for \$2,950.0; and 740 teachers in year five for \$3,700.0; and 890 teachers in year six for \$4,450.0); 3) \$375.0 in year one for half of the reimbursement of board certification costs for the anticipated additional educators pursuing board certification and \$1,500.0 for each year after for the anticipated additional educators pursuing board certification.