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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

Senate Bill 188

An Act providing for payment and loan incentives to public school teachers for national board certification

Section 1: **Sec. 14.20.225.** Establishes incentive and stipend payments for national board certification. Establishes amount for stipend payment to be paid to eligible teachers by school district or department. Outlines additional incentives for teachers in high poverty areas with low performance rates. Establishes the responsibility of DEED to provide sufficient funding for these incentives, in addition to existing state aid, and allows DEED to establish a procedure for school districts to request stipend funds. Allows school districts to offer additional incentives. Provides definitions for “district” and “national board certification.”

Section 2: **Sec. 14.43.550** Establishes a loan program to provide funding for teachers pursuing national board certification.

Sec. 14.43.555 Describes administration of and eligibility for the loan program. States that the loan program will be administered by the Alaska Commission on Post-Secondary Education. Establishes the award amount, repayment period and interest of the loan. Establishes the responsibilities of the commission for oversight of the loan application process and allocation of loan funds. Establishes eligibility requirement for the loan program. Outlines duties of the commission relating to payment and repayment of the loan.

Sec. 14.43.590 Provides definitions for the terms “department” and “district.”