

ALASKA LEGISLATURE

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Sponsor Statement | HB 18 – National Board certification

HB 18 represents a commitment from the legislature to elevate the prestige of the teaching profession in Alaska.

National Board certification is reserved for educators who voluntarily undertake, and successfully complete, a rigorous certification process administered by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The certification process is recognized as an invaluable learning experience for educators that also results in improved student outcomes. In Alaska and across the country, National Board certification is considered the gold standard of professional development for teachers.

Certification by the National Board is an indicator of teacher quality. Many studies have concluded that National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) are more effective in the classroom and that students of NBCTs have better academic achievement.

By displaying in public schools the name of each NBCT who teaches at that school, HB 18 creates a halo around this superlative certification, imparts upon the community and school the value of NBCTs, and celebrates the hard-earned accomplishments of NBCTs.

HB 18 also sets the goal that four percent of public school teachers in Alaska will be National Board certified by 2026 — which would nearly double the current number of NBCTs in Alaska and nearly increase by a factor of six the number of NBCTs in classrooms.

HOUSE BILL NO. 18

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE KREISS-TOMKINS

Introduced: 2/18/21

Referred: State Affairs, Education

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to national board certification for public school teachers."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.20.010 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4 (b) A public school shall display in a prominent location the name of each
5 teacher who teaches at that school who has achieved national board certification.

6 (c) It is the goal of the legislature that by the year 2025 at least four percent of
7 public school teachers in the state will have achieved national board certification.

8 (d) In this section, "national board certification" means certification by the
9 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.20.010(c) is repealed July 1, 2026.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2021 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	HB 18
Fiscal Note Number:	1
(H) Publish Date:	3/10/2021

Identifier: HB018-EED-TC-1-18-21
Title: TEACHERS: NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION
Sponsor: KREISS-TOMKINS
Requester: (H) State Affairs

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: Education Support and Administrative Services
Allocation: Teacher Certification
OMB Component Number: 1240

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2022 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2022 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2021) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2022) 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? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**Analysis**

This legislation amends AS 14.20.010 to require that public schools prominently display the names of all teachers at the school who have achieved national board certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The legislation places in statute a legislative goal that at least four percent of public school teachers are nationally certified by 2025. The goal is repealed July 1, 2026.

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Education and Early Development as a result of this legislation.

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March 2, 2021

The Honorable Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Representative Kreiss-Tomkins,

The Alaska Superintendents Association offers its support of HB 18, supporting national board certification for public school teachers. ASA believes every Alaska student deserves a qualified, effective teacher, and promoting National Board Certification is an excellent pathway to achieving this goal.

A primary purpose of the Alaska Council of School Administrators (ACSA) is to provide a collective voice for Alaska's school superintendents, K-12 principals, school business officials and all school administrators advocating for quality public education for Alaska students. In our ACSA Joint Position Statements, we consistently prioritize recruiting, retaining, and preparing high-quality educators as a critical need for improving Alaska schools. Research clearly shows the most influential school-based factor in student achievement is teacher quality, and National Board Certification allows teachers to demonstrate that they meet the highest available benchmarks for teacher quality.

ASA supports the ambitious goal set out in HB 18 - 4% of Alaska teachers receiving National Board Certification. As of 2019, Alaska is ranked 25th in the nation for percentage of teachers receiving National Board Certification, with 2.57% certified. The national average is just under 3%, as of the most recent report in 2011. Increasing the share of Alaska teachers with National Board Certification is an important step, along with addressing teacher retention, to improving Alaska schools for all students.

This legislation would set an important goal for Alaska schools and work to strengthen public education in our state. We are proud to support HB 18 and the goal of providing an effective teacher for all students.

Thank you for your commitment to improving public education for Alaska students. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Kerry Boyd, Superintendent
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ASA President