

AMENDMENT #3

OFFERED IN THE SENATE
TO: SCS HB 230(EDC)

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1 Page 1, line 1:

2 Delete "and"

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4 Page 1, line 3, following "scales":

5 Insert "; relating to teacher national board certification; and providing for an
6 effective date"

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8 Page 1, following line 13:

9 Insert a new bill section to read:

10 "* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 **Sec. 14.20.225. Teacher incentive payments and reimbursement of costs**
12 **relating to national board certification.** (a) In January of each year, a district or the
13 department, as applicable, may pay an incentive payment of \$5,000 to each teacher
14 who is employed by the district or the department and who holds a current and valid
15 national board certification.

16 (b) A district or the department, as applicable, shall reimburse each teacher
17 who is employed by the district or the department and who is pursuing an initial
18 national board certification or renewal of a national board certification for the costs the
19 teacher has paid to a nationally recognized board in pursuing or renewing the
20 certification, including the costs of course materials, registration, and testing. The
21 district or the department, as applicable, shall reimburse the teacher on an ongoing
22 basis for the costs incurred by the teacher and not later than 60 days after the teacher
23 makes a request for reimbursement.

1 (c) The department shall provide sufficient funding, subject to appropriation
2 and in addition to the state aid received under AS 14.17, to a district to make national
3 board certification incentive and reimbursement payments as provided in this section.

4 (d) Nothing in this section prohibits a district or the department from
5 providing additional monetary incentives to a teacher.

6 (e) In this section,

7 (1) "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990;

8 (2) "national board certification" means individual achievement of
9 national professional teaching standards as certified by a nationally recognized board."
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11 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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13 Page 2, line 3, following "APPLICABILITY.":

14 Insert "(a)"

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16 Page 2, line 4, following "date":

17 Insert "of sec. 1"

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19 Page 2, following line 4:

20 Insert new material to read:

21 "(b) Section 2 of this Act applies to a contract or collective bargaining agreement that
22 becomes legally binding on or after the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act.

23 (c) AS 14.20.225(b), added by sec. 2 of this Act, applies to costs a teacher incurs on
24 or after the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act.

25 * **Sec. 5.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024."