

**SENATE BILL NO. 215**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATORS BJORKMAN, Hughes, Kaufman, Giessel, Bishop, Merrick, Stevens

Introduced: 1/31/24

Referred: Education, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to teacher incentive payments for national board certification; and**  
2 **providing for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 14.20.225. Teacher incentive payments for national board**  
6 **certification.** (a) In January of each year, a school district or the department, as  
7 applicable, may pay an incentive payment of \$5,000 to each teacher who is employed  
8 by the district or the department and who holds a current and valid national board  
9 certification.

10 (b) The department shall provide sufficient funding, subject to appropriation  
11 and in addition to the state aid received under AS 14.17, to a school district to make  
12 national board certification incentive payments as provided in this section.

13 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits a district or the department from  
14 providing additional monetary incentives to a teacher.

1 (d) In this section,

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

3 (2) "national board certification" means individual achievement of  
4 national professional teaching standards as certified by a nationally recognized board.

5 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
6 read:

7 **APPLICABILITY.** This Act applies to a contract or collective bargaining agreement  
8 that becomes legally binding on or after the effective date of this Act.

9 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2024.