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**HOUSE BILL 19-1036**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING ANNUAL STIPENDS FOR CERTAIN NATIONALLY CERTIFIED**  
102 **SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill adds nationally certified school psychologists as school professionals eligible for annual stipends awarded by the department of education (department) if the school psychologist meets the requirements set forth in the bill.

The bill clarifies that school counselors are school professionals who have been eligible for annual stipends awarded by the department

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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pursuant to the same requirements for teachers and principals.

The bill corrects the name of the national board for professional teaching standards by removing the word "principal" from the title.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-504, **amend** (1),  
3 (2), and (4) as follows:

4 **22-2-504. National certification compensation - definition -**  
5 **study.** (1) Beginning with the 2009-10 school year FOR TEACHERS,  
6 SCHOOL COUNSELORS, AND PRINCIPALS WHO HOLD A CERTIFICATION FROM  
7 THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS, AND  
8 BEGINNING WITH THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR FOR NATIONALLY CERTIFIED  
9 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS WHO HOLD A CERTIFICATION FROM THE  
10 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS, COLLECTIVELY  
11 REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS "SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS", the  
12 department, subject to available appropriations, shall award an annual  
13 stipend of one thousand six hundred dollars to any ~~teacher or principal~~  
14 SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL who is employed in a school district, a program  
15 operated by a board of cooperative services, a charter school authorized  
16 by a school district pursuant to part 1 of article 30.5 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22,  
17 or a charter school authorized by the state charter school institute pursuant  
18 to part 5 of article 30.5 of this ~~title~~, and ~~who holds a certification from the~~  
19 ~~national board for professional teaching or principal standards~~ TITLE 22.  
20 For any stipends that are awarded, the department shall allocate the  
21 stipend ~~moneys~~ MONEY to the school district that employs the ~~teacher or~~  
22 ~~principal~~ SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL who is to receive the stipend, and the  
23 school district shall then make payment directly to the eligible ~~teacher or~~  
24 ~~principal~~ SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL. A school district may, at its discretion,

1 withhold any required employer retirement and medicare contributions  
2 associated with the stipend pursuant to this section from the one thousand  
3 six hundred dollar stipend amount. For any stipends that are awarded, the  
4 stipend shall be:

5 (a) Payable on May 1, 2009, and each May 1 thereafter, FOR  
6 NATIONALLY CERTIFIED TEACHERS, SCHOOL COUNSELORS, AND  
7 PRINCIPALS;

8 (b) PAYABLE ON MAY 1, 2020, AND EACH MAY 1 THEREAFTER,  
9 FOR NATIONALLY CERTIFIED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS;

10 ~~(b)~~ (c) Prorated for less than full-time employment;

11 ~~(c)~~ (d) Considered regular salary ~~under~~ PURSUANT TO section  
12 24-51-101 (42)(a); ~~C.R.S.~~; and

13 ~~(d)~~ (e) In addition to, and not in lieu of, any existing compensation  
14 being awarded at the local level to a ~~teacher or principal who holds a~~  
15 ~~certification from the national board for professional teaching or principal~~  
16 ~~standards~~ SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL.

17 (2) Beginning with the 2009-10 school year FOR NATIONALLY  
18 CERTIFIED TEACHERS, SCHOOL COUNSELORS, AND PRINCIPALS, AND  
19 BEGINNING WITH THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR FOR NATIONALLY CERTIFIED  
20 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS, subject to available appropriations, an additional  
21 annual stipend of three thousand two hundred dollars shall be awarded to  
22 any ~~teacher or principal~~ SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL who meets the criteria set  
23 forth in subsection (1) of this section and who is employed as of May 1  
24 in a given school year in a low-performing, high-needs school. Subject to  
25 available appropriations, a ~~teacher or principal~~ SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL  
26 shall continue to receive the additional stipend award pursuant to this  
27 subsection (2) if ~~he or she~~ THE SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL remains employed

1 in a school that was previously a low-performing, high-needs school but  
2 improved sufficiently to implement an improvement or performance plan  
3 pursuant to section 22-11-210. The additional stipend for ~~such teachers~~  
4 ~~and principals shall be~~ A SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL IS subject to the same  
5 restrictions and requirements as set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

6 (4) If insufficient funding is available to award a stipend pursuant  
7 to subsection (1) of this section to all ~~teachers and principals who hold a~~  
8 ~~certification from the national board for professional teaching or principal~~  
9 ~~standards~~ SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS, stipends shall be awarded only to  
10 those ~~teachers and principals~~ SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS who meet the  
11 criteria of subsection (1) of this section and who are employed in a  
12 low-performing, high-needs school.

13 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
16 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a  
17 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
18 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
19 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
20 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
21 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
22 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.