

## **Chapter 581**

**(Senate Bill 926)**

AN ACT concerning

### **Education – State and Local Aid Program for Certification or Renewal of Certification – Sunset Repeal**

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date on a certain provision of law relating to the State and Local Aid Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and generally relating to the State and Local Aid Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Education  
Section 6–112  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Chapter 179 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997, as amended by  
Chapter 536 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1999, Chapter 61 of  
the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000, Chapter 240 of the Acts of the  
General Assembly of 2004, and Chapter 309 of the Acts of the General  
Assembly of 2007  
Section 3

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### **Article – Education**

6–112.

(a) There is a program of State and local aid to teachers who pursue certification or renewal of certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards known as the State and Local Aid Program for Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

(b) Each school year, the State Board shall select, consistent with the amount provided in the State budget for the Program, a maximum of 1,000 teachers to participate in the Program.

(c) The State Board may provide aid under the Program to a participant for up to one retake of an unsuccessful entry on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards assessment.

(d) The State Board shall adopt regulations to implement and administer the Program established under this section, including:

- (1) Procedures for submitting applications for aid; and
- (2) Criteria for the selection of recipients of aid.

(e) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each teacher selected by the State Board to receive aid shall receive from the State an amount equal to the certification fee charged by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

(2) Each county shall pay to the State one-third of the cost of certification for each teacher who participates in the Program who teaches in the county.

(3) (i) A teacher who does not complete all the requirements for assessment by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall reimburse the State the full amount of the aid received to participate in the Program.

(ii) The State shall reimburse the county the amount received under paragraph (2) of this subsection on receipt of the reimbursement of aid from a teacher under this paragraph.

(iii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply to a teacher who completes all the requirements for assessment by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards but who does not receive certification.

(f) The State Board shall establish a statewide staff development plan that utilizes the skills and knowledge of teachers who have obtained National Board certification.

**Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1997, as amended by Chapter 536 of the Acts of 1999, Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2000, Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2004, and Chapter 309 of the Acts of 2007**

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1997. [It shall remain effective for a period of 16 years and 1 month, and, at the end of June 30, 2013, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2013.

**Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.**