

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0024

National board teacher certification.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to educators; modifying national board  
2 teacher certification incentive programs; repealing obsolete  
3 provisions; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-7-501(a)(intro), (i), (ii), by  
8 creating a new paragraph (iv), (c), (f)(intro), (ii), (v) and  
9 by creating a new subsection (g) is amended to read:

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11 **21-7-501. National certification program; program**  
12 **limits and requirements; appropriations requirements;**  
13 **certified teacher pay incentive reimbursement.**

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15 (a) The ~~professional teaching standards board shall by~~  
16 ~~rule~~ department of education may enter into an agreement with

1 ~~a nonprofit entity to~~ establish a program under which ~~school~~  
2 ~~districts shall reimburse no more than fifty (50) the~~  
3 ~~department or the nonprofit entity will administer a program~~  
4 ~~to assist teachers in earning national board teacher~~  
5 ~~certification. The agreement between the department and the~~  
6 ~~nonprofit entity shall require biennial reporting by the~~  
7 ~~nonprofit entity to the department. The program may provide~~  
8 ~~professional development and mentoring specific to national~~  
9 ~~board teacher certification, along with other activities~~  
10 ~~related to national certification. Additionally, on behalf of~~  
11 teachers ~~and certified or licensed service providers~~ employed  
12 by Wyoming school districts ~~the program may make payments~~  
13 ~~directly to an organization that provides national board~~  
14 ~~teacher certification for not more than fifty percent (50%)~~  
15 ~~of the actual cost of receiving fees to receive~~ national  
16 certification, ~~not to exceed the national certification fee~~  
17 ~~as~~ established by the national board for professional  
18 teaching standards. ~~for the applicable year certification was~~  
19 ~~received, provided~~ The program shall only make payments if:

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21 (i) The teacher has completed at least three (3)  
22 years of teaching ~~in the state of Wyoming;~~

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1           (ii) The teacher ~~or service provider, as~~  
2 ~~applicable, was successful in receiving his national~~  
3 ~~certification~~ timely pays the teacher's portion of the  
4 certification fees and timely completes progress toward  
5 certification as required by the program; and

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7           (iv) The teacher agrees to reimburse the program  
8 for any certification fee payments the program makes on behalf  
9 of the teacher in the event the teacher fails to formally  
10 withdraw from the process or to submit an entry that can be  
11 scored, as determined by the program.

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13           (c) ~~A school district~~ The legislature may ~~apply for an~~  
14 ~~innovative program grant under W.S. 21-22-106(a)(iii) to~~  
15 ~~recover amounts reimbursed to teachers and service providers~~  
16 ~~under subsection (b) of this section~~ appropriate funds to the  
17 department to implement subsection (a) of this section. No  
18 funds appropriated by the legislature shall be distributed  
19 to the program if the nonprofit entity with whom the  
20 department has entered into an agreement under subsection (a)  
21 of this section does not contribute to the program an amount  
22 equal to the amount that will be distributed from funds  
23 appropriated by the legislature. The department shall ensure

1 that state funds and funds the nonprofit entity provides to  
2 the program shall be accounted for separately.

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4 (f) In addition to ~~reimbursement of the cost of~~  
5 ~~national board certification~~ the program established under  
6 subsection ~~(b)~~ (a) of this section, and to promote employment  
7 of national board certified teachers by school districts,  
8 each district employing a national board certified teacher  
9 shall be reimbursed for payments to these teachers subject to  
10 the following:

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12 (ii) ~~Effective school year 2007-2008 and each~~  
13 ~~school year thereafter,~~ The teacher holding certification  
14 shall be employed by the district ~~full-time~~ full time as a  
15 teacher ~~;~~ ~~For purposes of this subsection, "teacher" shall~~  
16 ~~include employees of the district holding certification and~~  
17 ~~employed full-time as instructional facilitators, certified~~  
18 ~~tutors, librarians or counselors;~~

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20 (v) Not later than ~~December 31, 2007, and each~~  
21 ~~December 31 thereafter~~ January 31 of each year, the department  
22 shall report to the joint education interim committee on  
23 district reports submitted under paragraph (iii) of this

1 subsection and estimated distributions under this subsection  
2 to eligible districts for the applicable reporting period.

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4 (g) For purposes of this section, "teacher" means a  
5 school district employee holding certification and employed  
6 full time as a teacher, instructional facilitator, certified  
7 tutor, librarian, speech-language therapist or counselor.

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9 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-7-501(a)(iii), (b) and (d) is  
10 repealed.

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12 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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14 (END)