

SB4019



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Introduced 1/4/2021, by Sen. Andy Manar

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/21B-70

Amends the Educator Licensure Article of the School Code to make changes concerning the Illinois Teaching Excellence Program, including adding and modifying definitions, changing the \$1,500 annual incentive, and providing for incentives for the program in rural or remote schools (not just school districts) and for programs working with diverse candidates. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 21B-70 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21B-70)

7 Sec. 21B-70. Illinois Teaching Excellence Program.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Diverse candidate" means a candidate who identifies with
10 any of the ethnicities reported on the Illinois Report Card
11 other than White.

12 "National Board certified teacher candidate cohort
13 facilitator" means a National Board certified teacher who
14 collaborates to advance the goal of supporting all other
15 candidate cohorts other than diverse candidate cohorts through
16 the Illinois National Board for Professional Teaching
17 Standards Comprehensive Support System.

18 "National Board certified teacher diverse candidate cohort
19 facilitator" means a National Board certified teacher who
20 collaborates to advance the goal of supporting racially and
21 ethnically diverse candidates through the Illinois National
22 Board for Professional Teaching Standards Comprehensive
23 Support System.

1 "National Board certified teacher diverse liaison" means
2 an individual or entity that supports the National Board
3 certified teacher leading a diverse candidate cohort.

4 "National Board certified teacher liaison" means an
5 individual or entity that supports the National Board certified
6 teacher leading candidate cohorts other than diverse candidate
7 cohorts.

8 "National Board certified teacher rural or remote or
9 distant candidate cohort facilitator" means a National Board
10 certified teacher who collaborates to advance the goal of
11 supporting rural or remote candidates through the Illinois
12 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
13 Comprehensive Support System.

14 "National Board certified teacher rural or remote or
15 distant liaison" means an individual or entity that ~~who~~
16 supports the National Board certified teacher leading a rural
17 or remote candidate cohort.

18 "Qualified educator" means a teacher or school counselor
19 currently employed in a school district who is in the process
20 of obtaining certification through the National Board for
21 Professional Teaching Standards or who has completed
22 certification and holds a current Professional Educator
23 License with a National Board for Professional Teaching
24 Standards designation or a retired teacher or school counselor
25 who holds a Professional Educator License with a National Board
26 for Professional Teaching Standards designation.

1 "Rural or remote" or "rural or remote or distant" means
2 local codes 32, 33, 41, 42, and 43 of the New Urban-Centric
3 Locale Codes, as defined by the National Center for Education
4 Statistics.

5 "Tier 1" has the meaning given to that term under Section
6 18-8.15.

7 "Tier 2" has the meaning given to that term under Section
8 18-8.15.

9 (b) Any funds appropriated for the Illinois Teaching
10 Excellence Program must be used to provide monetary assistance
11 and incentives for qualified educators who are employed by or
12 retired from school districts and who have or are in the
13 process of obtaining licensure through the National Board for
14 Professional Teaching Standards. The goal of the program is to
15 improve instruction and student performance.

16 The State Board of Education shall allocate an amount as
17 annually appropriated by the General Assembly for the Illinois
18 Teaching Excellence Program for (i) application or re-take fees
19 for each qualified educator seeking to complete certification
20 through the National Board for Professional Teaching
21 Standards, to be paid directly to the National Board for
22 Professional Teaching Standards, and (ii) incentives under
23 paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (c) for each
24 qualified educator, to be distributed to the respective school
25 district, and incentives under paragraph (5) of subsection (c),
26 to be distributed to the respective school district or directly

1 to the qualified educator. The school district shall distribute
2 this payment to each eligible teacher or school counselor as a
3 single payment.

4 The State Board of Education's annual budget must set out
5 by separate line item the appropriation for the program. Unless
6 otherwise provided by appropriation, qualified educators are
7 eligible for monetary assistance and incentives outlined in
8 subsections (c) and (d) of this Section.

9 (c) When there are adequate funds available, monetary
10 assistance and incentives shall include the following:

11 (1) A maximum of \$2,000 towards the application or
12 re-take fee for teachers or school counselors in a Tier 1
13 school district who apply on a first-come, first-serve
14 basis for National Board certification.

15 (2) A maximum of \$2,000 towards the application or
16 re-take fee for teachers or school counselors in a school
17 district other than a Tier 1 school district who apply on a
18 first-come, first-serve basis for National Board
19 certification.

20 (3) A maximum of \$1,000 towards the National Board for
21 Professional Teaching Standards' renewal application fee.

22 (4) (Blank).

23 (5) An annual incentive of no more than equal to \$1,500
24 prorated at \$50 per hour, which shall be paid to each
25 qualified educator currently employed in a school district
26 who holds both a National Board for Professional Teaching

1 Standards designation and a current corresponding
2 certificate issued by the National Board for Professional
3 Teaching Standards and who agrees, in writing, to provide
4 up to ~~at least~~ 30 hours of mentoring or National Board for
5 Professional Teaching Standards professional development
6 or both during the school year to classroom teachers or
7 school counselors, as applicable. Funds must be disbursed
8 on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority given to
9 Tier 1 school districts. Mentoring shall include, either
10 singly or in combination, the following:

11 (A) National Board for Professional Teaching
12 Standards certification candidates.

13 (B) National Board for Professional Teaching
14 Standards re-take candidates.

15 (C) National Board for Professional Teaching
16 Standards renewal candidates.

17 (D) (Blank).

18 Funds may also be used for instructional leadership
19 training for qualified educators interested in supporting
20 implementation of the Illinois Learning Standards or teaching
21 and learning priorities of the State Board of Education or
22 both.

23 (d) In addition to the monetary assistance and incentives
24 provided under subsection (c), if adequate funds are available,
25 incentives shall include the following incentives for the
26 program in rural or remote schools or school districts or for

1 programs working with diverse candidates, to be distributed to
2 the respective school district or directly to the qualified
3 educator or entity:

4 (1) A one-time incentive of \$3,000 payable to National
5 Board certified teachers teaching in Tier 1 or Tier 2 rural
6 or remote school districts or rural or remote schools in
7 Tier 1 or Tier 2 school districts, with priority given to
8 teachers teaching in Tier 1 rural or remote school
9 districts or rural or remote schools in Tier 1 school
10 districts.

11 (2) An annual incentive of \$3,200 for National Board
12 certified teacher rural or remote or distant candidate
13 cohort facilitators, diverse candidate cohort
14 facilitators, and candidate cohort facilitators. Priority
15 shall be given to rural or remote candidate cohort
16 facilitators and diverse candidate cohort facilitators.

17 (3) An annual incentive of \$2,500 for National Board
18 certified teacher rural or remote or distant liaisons,
19 diverse liaisons, and liaisons. Priority shall be given to
20 rural or remote liaisons and diverse liaisons.

21 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 101-333, eff. 1-1-20.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.