

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-299.2, relating to National*
3 *Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program and Fund.*

4 [H 2087]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-299.2 as follows:**8 *§ 22.1-299.2. National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program and Fund.*

9 *A. From such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose and from such gifts, donations, grants,*
10 *bequests, and other funds as may be received on its behalf, there is hereby established the National*
11 *Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program, to be administered by the Board of Education, and a*
12 *special nonreverting fund within the state treasury known as the National Teacher Certification Incentive*
13 *Reward Program Fund. The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller, and any moneys*
14 *remaining in such Fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain*
15 *in the Fund. Interest earned on such funds shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it.*

16 *The State Treasurer shall manage the Fund, subject to the authority of the Board of Education to*
17 *provide for its disbursement. The Fund shall be disbursed to award incentive grants to public school*
18 *teachers obtaining national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.*
19 *To the extent funds are available in the Fund, teachers who obtain national certification shall receive*
20 *an initial state-funded award of \$5,000 and a subsequent award of \$2,500 each year for the life of the*
21 *certificate. Such awards will continue to be paid upon renewal of the certificate. The Board shall*
22 *establish procedures for determining amounts of awards if the moneys in the Fund are not sufficient to*
23 *award each eligible teacher the appropriate award amount.*

24 *B. The Board may issue guidelines governing the Program as it deems necessary and appropriate.*

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