

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1260

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Lucas

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program and Fund; name; eligibility; incentive.

5. Summary: Renames the National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward Program and Fund as the National Board Certification Incentive Reward Program and Fund, expands eligibility for incentive grant awards from such Fund pursuant to such Program from solely teachers who have obtained national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to (i) all public school staff who are candidates for initial national certification or maintenance of national certification to cover certain costs of obtaining or maintaining such certification and (ii) all public school staff who have successfully obtained or maintained such certification. The bill also declares eligible for an annual incentive grant award in the amount of \$7,500 all public school staff who have obtained or maintained such certification. Current law declares eligible for an annual incentive grant award of \$5,000 in the first year and \$2,500 in each subsequent year all teachers who have obtained or maintained such certification.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 136.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Based on the current appropriation for the National Teacher Certification Incentive Reward program, the Department of Education (DOE) estimates that an additional \$8,900,000 would be needed beginning in fiscal year 2024 to increase the award to teachers who are already certified to \$7,500.

At the time it is not possible to determine the number of teachers who would apply for incentive grants to cover costs related to fees to pursue or maintain national certification. The current cost of new certification is \$1,900 plus a \$75 registration fee. The current cost of maintenance of certification is \$495 plus a \$75 registration fee. Any actual impact relating to this provision is indeterminate and any cost is dependent on the amount of funding appropriated by the General Assembly for such grants.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Education, local school divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB1424.