

(ii) As part of a collective bargaining agreement with the local employee organization.

(3) "School-based employee" means a certificated employee who works directly with students or teachers at a public school.

(b) (2) A classroom teacher or other nonadministrative school-based employee who holds a standard professional certificate or an advanced professional certificate who is employed by a county board and who holds a certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall receive a stipend from the State in an amount equal to the county grant for national certification, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per qualified individual.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Study Commission to Explore the Expanded Application of State Stipends for National Certification of Teachers under § 6-306(b)(2) of the Education Article.

(b) The Study Commission consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee; and

(4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) one individual who holds a certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

(ii) one representative of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;

(iii) two local superintendents;

(iv) two representatives of local school systems that employ individuals who hold a certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;