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Overview

Makes unspecified general fund appropriations to the education commissioner for the grant program to promote professional teaching standards that provides teachers with the opportunity to receive national board certification and to reward teachers already certified.

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1 Grant program to promote professional teaching standards.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Establishes a grant program to promote professional teaching standards through the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards to provide teachers with the opportunity to receive national board certification and to reward teachers already certified.

Subd. 2. Eligibility. Requires a grant applicant to be a licensed public school teacher with a minimum of five years of classroom teaching experience who is a candidate for or a recipient of board certification.

Subd. 3. Application process. Requires interested, qualified teachers to apply to the education commissioner for a grant or reward. Directs the commissioner to consult with the Board of Teaching when reviewing the applications. Directs the commissioner to provide program supports to applicants during the certification process.

Subd. 4. Grant awards; proceeds. (a) Allows the commissioner to award \$1,000 for

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partial payment of teacher candidates' fees.

(b) Directs the commissioner to award \$3,000 grants to teacher applicants who hold national board certification and \$2,000 to teacher applicants renewing their national board certification.

(c) Directs the commissioner, in consultation with Education Minnesota concerning grant criteria, to award grants of up to \$1,000 to teacher applicants who received national board certification within one year of applying for the grant and allows grantees to use the grant for educational purposes.

2 **Appropriation.** Makes unspecified general fund appropriations to the education commissioner for the grant program to promote professional teaching standards. Allows the commissioner to use \$100,000 for staff to assist and support program applicants and for other program-related costs.