Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## SENATE BILL NO. 2135

Introduced by

**Education Committee** 

(At the request of the Education Standards and Practices Board)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide for national certification of teachers; and to provide an
- 2 appropriation.

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## 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- 4 **SECTION 1. Definitions.** As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - 1. "Board" means the education standards and practices board.
- 6 2. "Certification" means national board certification as provided by the national board.
- 7 3. "National board" means the national board for professional teaching standards.
- 8 **SECTION 2. Board duties.** The board shall:
  - Inform teachers of the existence of the national board certification program and the scholarships and services the national board provides to teachers seeking certification.
    - 2. Collect and review scholarship applications from individuals who are licensed to teach by the board or approved to teach by the board.
      - 3. Ensure that all scholarship recipients receive adequate information regarding the level of commitment required to acquire certification.
- 16 4. Review each application chronologically.
- 5. Assist with the assessment costs of certification with a scholarship of one thousand one hundred fifty dollars for each of the first seventeen eligible applicants.
  - 6. Provide at the conclusion of each of the first four full school years after the individual obtains the certification, an additional one thousand five hundred dollars stipend, if:
    - a. The individual served during the school year as a full-time classroom teacher in a public school in this state; and

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1	b.	The individual participated in efforts of the employing school district to develop
2		and implement teacher mentoring programs and teacher evaluation programs.
3	SECTIO	N 3. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
4	general fund in t	ne state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of sixty thousand nine
5	hundred dollars, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the education standards and	
6	practices board for the purpose of making grants to assist teachers in obtaining certification, for	
7	the biennium beg	ginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2005.
8	SECTIO	<b>A 4. APPROPRIATION.</b> There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
9	general fund in the	ne state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of sixteen thousand
10	dollars, or so mu	ch of the sum as may be necessary, to the education standards and practices

board for the purpose of paying a one-time stipend of two thousand dollars to each of the eight