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HOUSE BILL DRH40415-MTa-115

Short Title: Reward Excellence in Teaching - NBPTS. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ball, von Haefen, and Clemmons (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO FUND NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS
3 CERTIFICATION FOR UP TO ONE THOUSAND TEACHERS OVER THE 2019-2021
4 FISCAL BIENNIUM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
7 Public Instruction the sum of nine hundred eighty-seven thousand five hundred dollars
8 (\$987,500) in nonrecurring funds for each year of the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to provide
9 grants to a total of up to 1,000 teachers to cover the full application fee for National Board for
10 Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification, as follows:

- 11 (1) The Department shall distribute the grants in each year of the 2019-2021 fiscal
12 biennium to teachers who meet the minimum requirements to receive State
13 financial assistance for the NBPTS participation fee under G.S. 115C-296.2.
14 (2) Grants shall be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, according to a
15 procedure developed by the Department, beginning no later than September 1
16 of each year of the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.
17 (3) Teachers receiving grants shall also receive up to three days of approved paid
18 leave in accordance with G.S. 115C-296.2.
19 (4) A teacher who receives a grant shall have no obligation to repay the grant to
20 the State even in the event that the teacher does not receive NBPTS
21 certification.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

