



Fiscal Note 2019 Biennium

Bill # SB0115

Title: Revising stipends for national board certified teachers

Primary Sponsor: Moe, Mary

Status: As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2020 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2021 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$325,920	\$333,000	\$411,000	\$501,000
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	(\$325,920)	(\$333,000)	(\$411,000)	(\$501,000)

Description of fiscal impact: SB 115 provides a stipend of \$3,000 per year for any teacher that is a full time FTE at a Montana public school and holds a current certificate from the national board for professional teaching standards. Teachers at a school in a high poverty area or a school impacted by a critical educator shortage will receive an additional \$3,000 per year. The current program that pays a single \$3,000 stipend for receiving such a certificate will be replaced by this program. The bill also changes the current practice of OPI paying the stipend directly to the teacher to having OPI pay the school district who in turn pays the teacher.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

1. Current law provides that professional stipends for full-time classroom teachers, librarians, or other full-time employees serving in an assignment covered by national board certification assessment, certified to teach in Montana, and a full-time employee of a Montana public school district, education cooperative, Montana school for the deaf and blind, or a state youth correctional facility will receive a one-time \$3,000 stipend when national board certification is obtained.
2. SB 115 proposes the state would provide an annual \$3,000 stipend for every Montana certified to teach in Montana, and a full-time employee of a Montana public school district, education cooperative, Montana

school for the deaf and blind, or a state youth correctional facility, and holds a current certificate from the national board certification for professional teaching standards.

3. The bill also proposes an additional \$3,000 would be provided to each teacher in assumption #2 who teaches in a school in a high poverty area per Public Law 111-296 or a school impacted by a critical quality educator shortage pursuant to 20-4-503, MCA.
4. The teacher will be eligible for the stipends beginning the July 1 after the teacher obtains certification or recertification from the national board from professional teaching standards.
5. Currently, 87 teachers hold certificates from the national board certification for professional teaching standards and would qualify for a \$3,000 stipend. Twenty of these teachers are eligible for the additional \$3,000 stipend.
6. It is anticipated there will be no teachers receiving national board certification in FY 2017 therefore, no stipends will be paid under current law in FY 2018. There are projected to be 16 teachers who receive national board certification in FY 2018 to be paid \$3,000 each under current statute in FY 2019. The Executive Budget includes \$48,000 for FY 2019 current law stipends.
7. This fiscal note assumes 25% of the 16 new stipend qualifiers in FY 2018 would also qualify for the additional stipend and in FY 2019 and beyond 50% of the newly certified staff would qualify for the additional stipend. This would mean four additional stipends in FY 2019, five in FY 2020, and ten in FY 2021.
8. The process of obtaining the certification takes three to four years. It is assumed the additional ongoing stipend payments would encourage more people to get involved in the program thus increasing the number of teachers applying for certification.
9. OPI will have to modify the educator licensure information system to collect and store the certificate data. It is estimated that a programmer will take 60 hours to modify the system to collect this data at a cost of \$4,920.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$4,920	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stipends	<u>\$321,000</u>	<u>\$333,000</u>	<u>\$411,000</u>	<u>\$501,000</u>
TOTAL Expenditures	<u><u>\$325,920</u></u>	<u><u>\$333,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$411,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$501,000</u></u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	<u>\$325,920</u>	<u>\$333,000</u>	<u>\$411,000</u>	<u>\$501,000</u>
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u><u>\$325,920</u></u>	<u><u>\$333,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$411,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$501,000</u></u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL Revenues	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$325,920)	(\$333,000)	(\$411,000)	(\$501,000)

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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