

1 AN ACT regarding teachers.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing
5 Section 21-27 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-27)

7 Sec. 21-27. The Illinois Teaching Excellence Program.
8 The Illinois Teaching Excellence Program is hereby
9 established to provide categorical funding for monetary
10 incentives and bonuses for teachers who are employed by
11 school districts and who hold a Master Certificate. The
12 State Board of Education shall allocate and distribute to
13 each school district an amount as annually appropriated by
14 the General Assembly for the Illinois Teaching Excellence
15 Program. Unless otherwise provided by appropriation, each
16 school district's annual allocation shall be the sum of the
17 amounts earned for the following incentives and bonuses:

18 (1) A one-time payment of \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ to be paid
19 to each teacher who successfully completes the program
20 leading to and who receives a Master Certificate and is
21 employed by a school district. The school district shall
22 distribute this payment to each eligible teacher as a
23 single payment or in not more than 3 payments.

24 (2) An annual incentive equal to \$1,500 ~~\$1,000~~
25 shall be paid to each teacher who holds a Master
26 Certificate, who is employed by a school district, and
27 who agrees, in writing, to provide 60 hours of mentoring
28 during that year to classroom teachers. This mentoring
29 may include, either singly or in combination, (i)
30 providing high quality professional development for new
31 and experienced teachers, and (ii) assisting National

1 Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)
2 candidates through the NBPTS certification process. The
3 school district shall distribute 50% of each annual
4 incentive payment upon completion of 30 hours of the
5 required mentoring and the remaining 50% of the incentive
6 upon completion of the required 60 hours of mentoring.
7 Credit may not be granted by a school district for
8 mentoring or related services provided during a regular
9 school day or during the total number of days of required
10 service for the school year.

11 (3) An annual incentive equal to \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~
12 shall be paid to each teacher who holds a Master
13 Certificate, who is employed by a school district, and
14 who agrees, in writing, to provide 60 hours of mentoring
15 during that year to classroom teachers in schools on the
16 Academic Early Warning List or in schools in which 50% or
17 more of the students receive free or reduced price
18 lunches, or both. The school district shall distribute
19 50% of each annual incentive payment upon completion of
20 30 hours of the required mentoring and the remaining 50%
21 of the incentive upon completion of the required 60 hours
22 of mentoring. Credit may not be granted by a school
23 district for mentoring or related services provided
24 during a regular school day or during the total number of
25 days of required service for the school year.

26 Each regional superintendent of schools shall provide
27 information about the Master Certificate Program of the
28 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)
29 and this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly to each
30 individual seeking to register or renew a certificate under
31 Section 21-14 of this Code.

32 (Source: P.A. 91-606, eff. 8-16-99.)

33 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on

1 July 1, 2002.