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Overview

Proposes to establish a grant program to encourage and reward teachers for seeking certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

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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 for Professional Teaching Standards to provide teachers with the opportunity to become nationally board certified and to reward teachers who are already certified.

Subd. 2. Eligibility. Requires a grant applicant to be a licensed teacher, have at least five years of classroom teaching experience and be accepted as a candidate for national board certification or already board certified.

Subd. 3. Application process. Requires eligible teachers to apply to the education commissioner. Directs the commissioner to consult with the Board of Teaching when reviewing the applications. Directs the commissioner to provide support to participants during the certification process.

Subd. 4. Grant awards; proceeds. (a) Allows the commissioner to award grants and determine how recipients may use the grants, in consultation with nationally board

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certified teachers and school administrators, to develop criteria and a process.

- 2** **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$750,000 in fiscal year 2007 for grant awards to eligible teachers. Allows the commissioner to use the appropriation to pay facilitators and other program costs.