

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 1879
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Impact:	FY-13: \$14,845,700; Incremental Decreases through FY-22 until \$0 in FY-23

Research Analysis

The proposed subcommittee substitute to Senate Bill 1879 instructs the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation to select no more than 100 applicants to participate in the Education Leadership Oklahoma Program and for whom the commission will pay up to \$2,750 for processing and assessment fees related to obtaining certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The commission also will provide a \$500 scholarship to some applicants.

The commission must develop rules for the up-front payment of the scholarship and fees. If applicants who receive up-front payments don't complete certification within three years, they must repay the commission the amount provided. Applicants who do not receive up-front payments but complete certification will be reimbursed up to \$2,750 for fees.

Teachers who receive certification will be eligible to receive \$5,000 bonus payments for a ten-year period. To be eligible, teachers must have obtained certification, been selected for the Education Leadership Oklahoma program or submitted an application for National Board certification prior to June 30, 2010.

Teachers already certified, will receive bonus payments for the number of years remaining on the 10-year National Board certification.

The measure also limits to 10 years the bonus payments for nationally certified school psychologists, speech-language pathologists and audiologists and prohibits payment of bonuses for employees who obtain those certifications after July 1, 2012.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure extends a maximum of ten bonuses to those teachers who were eligible for the bonus before the moratorium went into effect for FY-11 and FY-12. As the program currently receives \$0 funding from the State Board of Education, removing contingency funding language will require the Board to pay \$14,845,700 for FY-13 for all eligible teachers, school psychologists and audiologists. This figure will gradually decrease as teachers phase out of the program after they've received their ten bonuses until FY-23 when no bonuses will be paid.

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Other Considerations

None

