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Bill Analysis

SB 1127 creates the Teacher Retention Act of 2020. The measure directs the State Board of Education to provide an annual bonus to teachers that meet certain qualifications beginning July 1, 2020. Teachers that possess a National Board certification and is teaching in the classroom full-time in an Oklahoma public school, received a district evaluation rating of "superior" under the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System, have been appointed as a mentor teacher, or have been recommended for the bonus by the district superintendent and school principal and approved by the district board of education.

The bonus provided for in this measure shall be \$1,500.00 in the 2020-2021 school year. If the amount appropriated for the financial support of public schools increases by 0.005% in the 2021-22 school year and by 1% in the 2022-23 school year, the State Board of Education may increase the bonus at its discretion, provided the bonus is not less than \$1,500.00 and not more than \$5,000.00. The measure also clarifies that receiving the bonus does not preclude the teacher from receiving the designated amount in the minimum salary schedule for National Board certification.

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