**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑26‑85, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO AN INCREASE IN PAY FOR TEACHERS CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TEACHERS RECEIVING CERTIFICATION BEFORE JULY 1, 2010, SHALL RECEIVE AN INCREASE IN PAY FOR TWO TEN‑YEAR RENEWALS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT TEACHERS RECEIVING CERTIFICATION AFTER JUNE 30, 2010, SHALL RECEIVE AN INCREASE IN PAY FOR THE INITIAL TEN YEARS OF THE CERTIFICATION AND NO MORE THAN ONE TEN YEAR RENEWAL.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 59‑26‑85(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A)(1) Teachers who are certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) before July 1, 2010, shall enter a recertification cycle for their South Carolina certificate consistent with the recertification cycle for National Board certification and NBPTS certified teachers moving to this State are exempted from initial certification requirements and are eligible for continuing contract status and their recertification cycle will be consistent with National Board certification. Teachers receiving national certification from the NBPTS before July 1, 2010, shall receive an increase in pay for the initial ten‑year National Board certification and no more than ~~one~~ two ten‑year ~~renewal~~ renewals of National Board certification. The pay increase ~~shall~~ must be determined annually in the appropriations act. The established amount ~~shall~~ must be added to the annual pay of the nationally certified teacher.

(2) Teachers who apply ~~on or~~ after ~~July 1~~ June 30, 2010, for certification by the NBPTS shall enter a recertification cycle for their South Carolina certificate and consistent with the initial ten‑year cycle for National Board certification, and teachers moving to this State who apply for National Board certification on or after July 1, 2010, and subsequently achieve National Board certification are exempted from initial certification requirements and are eligible for continuing contract status and their recertification cycle will be consistent with the initial ten‑year cycle. Teachers receiving national certification from the NBPTS ~~on or~~ after ~~July 1~~ June 30, 2010, ~~only~~ shall receive an increase in pay for the initial ten years of the certification and no more than one ten‑year renewal of National Board certification. The pay increase ~~shall~~ must be determined annually in the appropriations act. The established amount ~~shall~~ must be added to the annual pay of the nationally certified teacher.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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