

HOUSE BILL No. 2153

By Committee on Education

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9 AN ACT enacting the national school psychologist certification incentive
10 program.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) As used in this section, “school district” means any
14 school district, school district interlocal cooperative, school district co-
15 operative or nonpublic school accredited by the state board of education.

16 (b) The national school psychologist certification incentive program
17 is hereby established for the purpose of rewarding school psychologists
18 who have attained certification from the national association of school
19 psychologists. School psychologists who have attained certification from
20 the national association and who are employed by a school district shall
21 be paid an incentive bonus in the amount of \$1,000 each school year that
22 the school psychologist remains employed by a school district and retains
23 a valid certification from the national association of school psychologists.

24 (c) Each school district employing one or more national association
25 certified school psychologists shall pay the incentive bonus to each such
26 school psychologist in each school year that the school psychologist retains
27 eligibility for such payment. Each board of education which has made
28 payments of incentive bonuses to national association certified school psy-
29 chologists under this subsection may file an application with the state
30 board of education for state aid and shall certify to the state board the
31 amount of such payments. The application and certification shall be on a
32 form prescribed and furnished by the state board, shall contain such in-
33 formation as the state board shall require and shall be filed at the time
34 specified by the state board.

35 (d) In each school year, each school district employing one or more
36 national association certified school psychologists is entitled to receive
37 from state appropriations for the national school psychology certification
38 incentive program an amount which is equal to the amount certified to
39 the state board of education in accordance with the provisions of subsec-
40 tion (c). The state board shall certify to the director of accounts and
41 reports the amount due each school district. The director of accounts and
42 reports shall draw warrants on the state treasurer payable to the treasurer
43 of each school district entitled to payment under this section upon vouch-

1 ers approved by the state board.

2 (e) Moneys received by a board of education under this section shall
3 be deposited in the general fund of the school district and shall be con-
4 sidered reimbursements to the district for the purpose of the school dis-
5 trict finance and quality performance act and may be expended whether
6 the same have been budgeted or not.

7 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
8 publication in the statute book.