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SENATE BILL 162 By
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5,
Part 56, relative to teachers who are certified by the
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5609, is amended by
designating the present section to be subsection (a) and by adding a new subsection, as
follows:

(b) A teacher in Tennessee public schools who achieves certification by the
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall receive an annual bonus of
three thousand dollars (\$3,000), subject to appropriation of funds for such purpose. The
bonus shall be paid directly to the teacher through the state department of education and
shall continue for so long as the teacher maintains national board certification and is
employed as a teacher in a public school in Tennessee. The commissioner of education
is authorized to promulgate necessary rules governing applications for and
administration of the bonus program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.

