

## HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_

By Committee on Education

AN ACT concerning schools; relating to incentive programs.

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

Section 1. (a) As used in this section, "school district" means any school district, school district interlocal cooperative, school district cooperative or nonpublic school accredited by the state board of education.

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

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

(c) In each school year, each school district employing one or more national association certified school psychologists is entitled to receive from state appropriations for the national school psychology certification incentive program an amount which is equal to the amount certified to the state board of education in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c). The state board shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the amount due each school district. The director of accounts and reports shall draw warrants on the state treasurer payable to the treasurer of each school district entitled to payment under this section upon vouchers approved by the state board.

(e) Moneys received by a board of education under this section shall be deposited in the general fund of the school district and shall be considered reimbursements to the district for the purpose of the school district finance and quality performance act and may be expended whether the same have been budgeted or not.

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