

Senate Bill 368

By: Senators Smith of the 25th, Marable of the 52nd, Jackson of the 50th, Ragan of the 11th,  
Streat of the 19th and others

**AS PASSED SENATE**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-212.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 persons receiving certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards,  
3 so as to clarify that the 10 percent increase in state salary applies to each year the person  
4 holds the certification; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 20-2-212.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to persons  
9 receiving certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, is  
10 amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "(b) Any person who:

12 (1) Is currently teaching in a Georgia public school and holds a valid Georgia teaching  
13 certificate;

14 (2) Has completed three years of teaching in Georgia public schools prior to receiving  
15 national certification; and

16 (3) Has successfully completed the prerequisite portfolio of student work and  
17 examination and has received national certification

18 shall receive not less than a 10 percent rate increase annually in state salary for each year  
19 the person holds national certification. Such increase shall be awarded on the  
20 commencement of the school year following such national certification, and each year  
21 thereafter; provided, however, that, in the case of a person who has received such national  
22 certification prior to July 1, 2000, and is receiving or is eligible to receive a 5 percent rate  
23 increase, the 5 percent rate increase shall be changed to a 10 percent rate increase effective  
24 with the commencement of the 2000-2001 school year. The increase in state salary  
25 provided by this Code section shall be in addition to any other increase for which the  
26 person is eligible."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.