EDUCATION DEPARTMENT [281]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 84, "Financial Incentives for National Board Certification," Iowa Administrative Code.

Recent legislation reinstated the financial incentives provided to Iowa teachers who become certified by the national board for professional teaching standards that had been phased out by previous legislation in 2007. Any Iowa teacher who registered for such certification after December 31, 2007, now qualifies for the reimbursement award under rule 84.3 and annual award under rule 84.4.

An agency-wide waiver provision is provided in 281—chapter 4.

Interested individuals may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before September 11, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. Comments on the proposed amendments should be directed to Mike Cormack, Iowa Department of Education, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146; telephone (515) 281-; E-mail mike.cormack@iowa.gov; or fax (515)242-5988.

A public hearing will be held on September 11, 2012, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the State Board Room, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact and advise the Department of Education of their specific needs by calling (515)281-5295.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2284, sections 29 and 30.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule **281—84.1(256)** as follows:

281-84.1(256) Purpose. National Board Certification (NBC) is available to teachers nationwide and requires candidates to demonstrate their teaching practice as measured against high and rigorous standards. NBC teachers enhance the educational experience of their students and motivate fellow teachers towards excellence in classroom teaching. These rules implement the two financial incentive pilot programs enacted by the Iowa legislature to increase the number of NBC teachers in Iowa.

~~NOTE: Pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.44, the financial incentives for NBC teachers are available only to teachers who registered for national board certification on or before December 31, 2007. Funds are available to honor the registration reimbursement in rule 84.3 and the annual awards in rule 84.4 for eligible individuals.~~

ITEM 2. Amend subrule **84.3(1)** as follows:

84.3(1) *Eligibility.* Teachers <u>who registered with NBPTS after December 31, 2007, but before July 1, 2012, shall apply to the department by May 1, 2013. All other teachers</u> seeking reimbursement shall apply to the department within one year of registration with NBPTS. Teachers eligible for the registration fee reimbursement program shall meet all of the following qualifications:

a to *d*. No change.

e. The individual completes the department's application process, which includes submitting verification of NBC registration. ~~The teacher must have registered with NBPTS no later than December 31, 2007.~~

f. No change.

ITEM 3. Amend subrule **281—84.4(1)** as follows:

84.4(1) *Eligibility*. In addition to having registered with NBPTS ~~no later than December 31, 2007,~~ and achieving certification within NBPTS-established timelines and policies, individuals eligible for the NBC annual award shall meet all of the following qualifications:

a to *h*. No change.