HB0024JC002

(TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the following Senate amendments: HB0024SS001.01/ACE HB0024SW001/AE

Further amend the ENGROSSED COPY as follows:

Page 1-line 8 After "(ii), " insert "(iv), ".

Page 4 Delete entirely.

Page 5-lines 1 through 17 Delete entirely and insert:

- "(f) In addition to reimbursement of the cost of national board certification the program established under subsection (b) (a) of this section, and to promote employment of national board certified teachers by school districts, each district employing a national board certified teacher shall be reimbursed for payments to these teachers subject to the following:
- (i) For each year the certificate is valid, the district provides each teacher employed by the district and holding certification by the national board for professional teaching standards a lump sum payment of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) which is in addition to the teacher's annual salary as determined by the board, and which is paid to each certified teacher between December 1 and December 31 of the school year for which application is made; under paragraph (ii) of this subsection;
- (ii) Effective school year 2007-2008 and each school year thereafter, The teacher holding certification shall be employed by the district full-time full time as a teacher; For purposes of this subsection, "teacher" shall include employees of the district holding certification and employed full-time as instructional facilitators, certified tutors, librarians or counselors;
- (iv) From amounts appropriated by the legislature from the public school foundation program account for purposes of this subsection, the department of education shall distribute payments to eligible districts in accordance with this subsection on or before February 15 of the applicable school year, together with the district's foundation payment under W.S. 21-13-313(c), if applicable. The department shall not

provide reimbursement to a school district for a lump sum payment made in accordance with paragraph (i) of this subsection to a teacher who earned initial national board teacher certification on or after January 1, 2021 and has received fifteen (15) lump sum payments under this subsection;

- (v) Not later than December 31, 2007, and each December 31 thereafter January 31 of each year, the department shall report to the joint education interim committee on district reports submitted under paragraph (iii) of this subsection and estimated distributions under this subsection to eligible districts for the applicable reporting period.
- (g) For purposes of this section, "teacher" means a school district employee who is employed full time as a teacher, instructional facilitator, certified tutor, librarian, speech-language therapist or counselor. ". SIMPSON, BROWN, CONNOLLY, WASSERBURGER, ROTHFUSS, SCHULER