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# VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

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## Budget Bill - SB800 (Introduced)

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Department of Education, Central Office Operations

Item 137	First Year - FY2001	Second Year - FY2002
<b>Regulation of Professions and Occupations (56000)</b>	<b>\$2,024,483</b>	<b>\$1,920,759</b> <b>\$2,020,759</b>
Elementary and Secondary Teacher, Counselor, and Administrator Regulation (56011)	\$2,024,483	\$1,920,759 \$2,020,759
Fund Sources:		
General	\$1,494,038	\$1,389,127 \$1,489,127
Special	\$530,445	\$531,632

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Authority: §§ [22.1-298](#) and [22.1-299](#), Code of Virginia.

A. Proceeds from the fee schedule for the issuance of teaching certificates shall be utilized to defray all, or any part of, the expenses incurred by the Department of Education in issuing or accounting for teaching certificates. The fee schedule shall take into account the actual costs of issuing certificates. Any portion of the general fund appropriation for this Item may be supplemented by such fees.

B.1. This appropriation includes \$558,000 the first year and \$558,000 the second year from the general fund for the Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loan Program. These scholarships shall be for students at or beyond the sophomore year in college with a grade point average of at least 2.7 who are nominated by their college. Students shall be enrolled full-time or part-time in approved undergraduate or graduate teacher preparation programs for critical teacher shortage disciplines, such as special education, chemistry, physics, earth and space science, foreign languages, or technology education. Minority students may be enrolled in any content area for teacher preparation and male students may be enrolled in any approved elementary or middle school teacher preparation program; therefore, this provision shall satisfy the requirements for the Diversity in Teaching Initiative and Fund, pursuant to House Bills 1404 and 1408 and Senate Bills 630, 652, and 737 of the Acts of Assembly of 2000. Scholarship recipients may fulfill the teaching obligation by accepting a teaching position (i) in one of the critical teacher shortage disciplines; or (ii) regardless of teaching discipline, in a school with a high concentration of students eligible for free or reduced price lunch; or (iii) at grade levels with a shortage of teachers; or (iv) in a rural or urban region of the state with a teacher shortage. Scholarship amounts are based on \$3,720 per year for full-time students, and shall be prorated for part-time students based on the number of credit hours. The Board of Education is authorized to recover total funds awarded as scholarships or the appropriate proportion thereof in the event that scholarship recipients fail to honor the stipulated teaching obligation. The Department of Education shall report annually on the critical shortage teaching areas in Virginia.

2. An additional payment of \$5,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Department to provide outreach materials to promote the Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loan Program at colleges and universities.

C. The Board of Education is authorized to recover total funds awarded prior to July 1, 1992, as scholarships, or the appropriate portion thereof, in the event that scholarship recipients fail to honor the stipulated teaching obligation. Any funds collected by the Board on behalf of this program shall revert to the general fund on June 30

each year. Such reversion shall be the net of any administrative or legal fees associated with the collection of these funds.

D. This appropriation includes \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second year from the general fund for incentive grants for Virginia teachers seeking certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

E. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Education provide bonuses from state funds to classroom teachers in Virginia's public schools who hold certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. Such bonuses shall be \$5,000 the first year of the certificate and \$2,500 annually thereafter for the life of the certificate. This appropriation includes an amount estimated at \$262,500 the first year and \$157,500 the second year from the general fund for the purpose of paying these bonuses. By September 30 of each year, school divisions shall notify the Department of Education of the number of classroom teachers under contract for that school year who hold such certification.

F. This appropriation includes \$202,512 the first year and \$207,285 the second year from the general fund to establish an alternative licensure program as prescribed by the Board of Education.