

MEMBER: Barry Erwin PROPOSAL# Erwin #04 REFERRED TO AG on: AGDNES
 SUBJECT: DOE - Certain Stipends DATE REPORTED BY AG: _____ REPORT: _____
 COMMISSION ACTION: _____ DATE: _____

RECOMMENDATION: Allow local school districts to fund, at their discretion, stipends for nationally board certified school counselors, psychologists, speech pathologists, audiologists and social workers using Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) or other dollars.

| Summary Description/Nature of Change | Key/Implementation Responsibilities | Need | Action Needed | Benefit/Saving | Done/ Study |
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| <p>Allow local school districts to fund, at their discretion, stipends for nationally board certified school counselors, psychologists, speech pathologists, audiologists and social workers using Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) or other dollars.</p> | <p>Department of Education and Legislature</p> | <p>There is significant research tying student performance to teachers possessing certification of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Local government should be allowed to use MFP dollars for stipends for nationally certified school counselors, psychologists, speech pathologists and social workers based on their priorities.</p> | <p>La. R.S. 17:421.8, 421.9, 421.10, and 421.11 would need to be amended and BESE may need to re-work MFP formula.</p> | <p>State reimbursement of stipends paid by local government are limited to \$5,000 per teacher. Local government would have flexibility to decide priority of stipend for professions other than teachers.</p> | <p>Could be implemented next fiscal year.</p> |