

MEMBER: Barry Erwin PROPOSAL# Erwin #04A REFERRED TO AG on: AGDNES
 SUBJECT: DOE - Certain Stipends DATE REPORTED BY AG: November 19, 2009 REPORT: Amended
 COMMISSION ACTION: WITHDRAWN DATE: December 1, 2009

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
<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.</p> <p>Local government should be allowed to use MFP dollars for stipends for other personnel including 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.</p>	<p>State reimbursement of stipends paid by local government are limited to \$5,000 per teacher.</p> <p>Local government would have flexibility to decide priority of stipend for professions other than teachers.</p>	<p>Could be implemented next fiscal year.</p>