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H 1506. FELLOWSHIPS/NATIONAL BD. CERTIFIED TEACHERS. Filed 4/16/07. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR FELLOWSHIPS TO RECRUIT NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS TO TEACH AT HIGH-NEEDS SCHOOLS.*

Appropriates \$1 million for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction as title indicates. Provides that it is the intent of the General Assembly to fund the fellowship pilot program at the same level for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 fiscal years. Directs the State Board of Education (SBE) to designate as high-needs schools for the pilot program those at which (1) a high percentage of students are performing at Level 1 or 2 on end-of-grade or end-of-course tests; (2) there is a high teacher turnover rate; or (3) a high number of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. Beginning with 2008-09, provides for a salary supplement of \$10,000 a year for qualified teachers participating in the fellowship program. Directs the Department of Public Instruction to disseminate the list of high-needs schools identified by the SBE and information about the fellowships to school administrative units, teachers, and administrators during the 2007-08 school year. Directs the SBE to develop policies to implement the fellowship pilot program and to report on the implementation and marketing of the pilot program to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by December 15, 2007, and December 15, 2008. Effective July 1, 2007

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