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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A RESOLUTION urging the Education Committee to study the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), its rigorous teaching standards and assessments, and pertinent research about NBPTS and the impact of National Board Certification in developing, recognizing, and retaining effective teachers and improving student performance.

Whereas, Research consistently shows that effective teachers and leaders are the two most important school-level influences on learning and student achievement;

Whereas, National Board Certification for teachers embodies the very essence of what it means to be an effective teacher;

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Whereas, The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has for a quarter-century certified highly effective teachers across all grade levels, K-12, in more than 20 content areas, and in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories;

Whereas, The rigorous standards and assessments of the National Board provide policymakers with the tools to define and measure teachers' impact on student learning; and

Whereas, The nonpartisan National Research Council issued a comprehensive, Congressionally-mandated study in 2008 that found that National Board Certification has had a positive impact on student achievement, teacher retention, and professional development: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges that
2 the Education Committee be assigned to: (1) study whether student
3 learning and achievement are captured in the National Board's
4 evidence-based standards and certification process; (2) review
5 pertinent studies about NBPTS and the impact of National Board
6 Certification on developing, recognizing and retaining effective
7 teachers, with the goal of improving student learning; and (3) explore
8 the addition to the current education reform agenda of legislation that
9 authorizes a pilot program to increase the number of Indiana teachers
10 seeking National Board Certification throughout Indiana.

