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H.B. No. 49

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the number of administrators employed by a school district and the salaries paid to those persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.203 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.203. TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR RATIOS; SALARY LIMIT. (a) In this section:

(1) "Administrator" means a school district employee, other than a classroom teacher or direct student service provider, who:

(A) holds at least a bachelor's degree; and

(B) earns an annual salary of more than \$40,000.

(2) "Direct student service provider" means:

(A) a librarian assigned to a campus; or

(B) a nurse assigned to a campus.

(b) A school district may not employ a number of administrators that exceeds a ratio of one administrator for each nine classroom teachers employed by the district.

(b-1) Subsection (b) applies beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. For the 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008 school years, a school district may not employ a number of administrators that exceeds the following average ratios:

(1) for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years, one

1 administrator for each seven classroom teachers employed by the
2 district; and

3 (2) for the 2007-2008 school year, one administrator
4 for each eight classroom teachers employed by the district.

5 (b-2) Subsection (c) applies to the computation of a ratio
6 under Subsection (b-1). Subsection (b-1) and this subsection
7 expire January 1, 2009.

8 (c) For purposes of Subsection (b):

9 (1) the principal and one assistant principal at each
10 campus in the district are considered to be direct student service
11 providers;

12 (2) an administrator who teaches one or more classes
13 is counted as one-half an administrator and is not counted as a
14 classroom teacher; and

15 (3) a direct student service provider is not counted
16 as either a classroom teacher or an administrator unless the person
17 is also a classroom teacher, in which event the person is counted as
18 a classroom teacher.

19 (d) A school district may not pay an administrator a salary
20 that exceeds five times the amount of the lowest salary the district
21 pays a full-time classroom teacher.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
26 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
27 legislative session.