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H.B. No. 762

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the applicability to certain school districts of the minimum salary schedule for classroom teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.402, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), (e), ~~or~~ (f), or (i), a school district must pay each classroom teacher, full-time librarian, full-time counselor certified under Subchapter B, or full-time school nurse not less than the minimum monthly salary, based on the employee's level of experience, determined by the following formula:

$$MS = SF \times FS$$

where:

"MS" is the minimum monthly salary;

"SF" is the applicable salary factor specified by Subsection (c); and

"FS" is the amount, as determined by the commissioner under Subsection (b), of state and local funds per weighted student available to a district eligible to receive state assistance under Section 42.302 with an enrichment tax rate, as defined by Section 42.302, equal to the maximum rate authorized under Section 42.303, except that the amount of state and local funds per weighted student

1 does not include the amount attributable to the increase in the
2 guaranteed level made by Chapter 1187 [~~H.B. No. 3343~~], Acts of the
3 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001.

4 (i) A school district in which the average salary for
5 classroom teachers for a school year is greater than the national
6 average salary for classroom teachers for that school year, as
7 determined by the comptroller, is exempt from paying the minimum
8 monthly salary determined under Subsection (a) for the following
9 school year.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.