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S.B. No. 37

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the salary paid to certain professional employees of
3 public schools, health care compensation supplementation for
4 public school employees, and to appropriations for public school
5 textbooks.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 21.402, Education Code, is amended by
8 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (c-1), (c-2), and
9 (c-3) to read as follows:

10 (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for the 2005-2006
11 school year, a classroom teacher, full-time librarian, full-time
12 counselor certified under Subchapter B, or full-time school nurse
13 is entitled to a monthly salary that is at least equal to the sum of:

14 (1) the monthly salary the employee would have
15 received for the 2005-2006 school year, as applicable under the
16 district's salary schedule for the 2004-2005 school year, if that
17 schedule had been in effect for the 2005-2006 school year,
18 including any local supplement and any money representing a career
19 ladder supplement the employee would have received in the 2005-2006
20 school year; and

21 (2) \$100.

22 (c-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for the 2006-2007
23 school year, a classroom teacher, full-time librarian, full-time
24 counselor certified under Subchapter B, or full-time school nurse

1 is entitled to a monthly salary that is at least equal to the sum of:

2 (1) the monthly salary the employee would have
3 received for the 2006-2007 school year, as applicable under the
4 district's salary schedule for the 2004-2005 school year, if that
5 schedule had been in effect for the 2006-2007 school year,
6 including any local supplement and any money representing a career
7 ladder supplement the employee would have received in the 2006-2007
8 school year; and

9 (2) \$200.

10 (c-3) Subsections (c-1), (c-2) and this subsection expire
11 September 1, 2007.

12 (d) A classroom teacher, full-time librarian, full-time
13 counselor certified under Subchapter B, or full-time school nurse
14 employed by a school district in the 2006-2007 [~~2000-2001~~] school
15 year is, as long as the employee is employed by the same district,
16 entitled to a salary that is at least equal to the salary the
17 employee received for the 2006-2007 [~~2000-2001~~] school year.

18 SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 42, Education Code, is
19 amended by adding Section 42.2516 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 42.2516. ADDITIONAL STATE AID OR CREDIT AGAINST COST
21 OF ATTENDANCE CREDITS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF SALARIES. (a) A
22 school district, including a school district that is otherwise
23 ineligible for state aid under this chapter, is entitled to state
24 aid in an amount, as determined by the commissioner, equal to the
25 product of \$2,000 multiplied by the number of classroom teachers,
26 full-time librarians, full-time counselors certified under
27 Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and full-time school nurses employed by

1 the district and entitled to a minimum salary under Section 21.402.

2 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for the 2005-2006
3 school year, a school district, including a school district that is
4 otherwise ineligible for state aid under this chapter, is entitled
5 to state aid in an amount, as determined by the commissioner, equal
6 to the product of \$1,000 multiplied by the number of classroom
7 teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors certified
8 under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and full-time school nurses
9 employed by the district and entitled to a minimum salary under
10 Section 21.402.

11 (a-2) Subsections (a-1) and this subsection expire
12 September 1, 2006.

13 (b) A school district that is required to take action under
14 Chapter 41 to reduce its wealth per student to the equalized wealth
15 level is entitled to a credit, in the amount of state aid to which
16 the district is entitled under this section, against the total
17 amount required under Section 41.093 for the district to purchase
18 attendance credits.

19 (c) A determination by the commissioner under this section
20 is final and may not be appealed.

21 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this
22 section.

23 SECTION 3. Section 22.104, Education Code, as added by S.B.
24 1863, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 Sec. 22.104. DISTRIBUTION BY AGENCY. Subject to the
27 availability of funds, each month the agency shall deliver to each

1 district, including a district that is ineligible for state aid
2 under Chapter 42, each other educational district that is a member
3 of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, each participating
4 charter school, and each regional education service center state
5 funds in an amount, as determined by the agency, equal to the
6 product of the number of eligible employees employed by the
7 district, school, or service center multiplied by the amount
8 specified in the General Appropriations Act for purposes of this
9 subchapter or \$1,000, whichever is greater, and divided by 12. The
10 agency shall distribute funding to only one entity for employees
11 who are employed by more than one entity listed in this section.

12 SECTION 4. Section 22.103, Education Code, as added by S.B.
13 1691, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, is
14 repealed.

15 SECTION 5. It is the intent of the Legislature that
16 textbooks for the 2005-06 school year be delivered timely to
17 classrooms for the start of school. Recognizing that many schools
18 begin classes in early or mid-August, time is of the essence in
19 ensuring teachers and students have the resources they need to
20 comply with state laws that require schools to teach the state's
21 required curriculum. Notwithstanding H.B. No. 1, Acts of the 79th
22 Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2005, or any other law, the Texas
23 Education Agency shall expedite the process for timely delivery of
24 such textbooks to classrooms upon passage of this Act, and funding
25 in that bill for textbooks is not contingent upon passage of any
26 other legislation.

27 SECTION 6. It is the intent of the Legislature that the

1 provisions in H.B. No. 1, Acts of the 79th Legislature, 1st Called
2 Session, 2005, relating to funding for the provision of textbooks
3 refer to an appropriation of \$295 million for Proclamation 2002
4 textbooks for the 2005-06 school year.

5 SECTION 7. This Act applies beginning with the 2005-2006
6 school year.

7 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
12 legislative session.