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H.B. No. 77

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the salary and benefits of certain employees of public schools.

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

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

(c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for the 2006-2007 school year, a classroom teacher, full-time librarian, full-time counselor certified under Subchapter B, or full-time school nurse is entitled to a monthly salary that is at least equal to the sum of:

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

(2) \$600.

(c-2) Subsection (c-1) and this subsection expire September 1, 2007.

(d) A classroom teacher, full-time librarian, full-time counselor certified under Subchapter B, or full-time school nurse employed by a school district in the 2006-2007 [~~2000-2001~~] school year is, as long as the employee is employed by the same district,

1 entitled to a salary that is at least equal to the salary the
2 employee received for the 2006-2007 [~~2000-2001~~] school year.

3 SECTION 2. Section 22.104, Education Code, as added by
4 Chapter 899, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 22.104. DISTRIBUTION BY AGENCY. Subject to the
7 availability of funds, each month the agency shall deliver to each
8 district, including a district that is ineligible for state aid
9 under Chapter 42, each other educational district that is a member
10 of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, each participating
11 charter school, and each regional education service center state
12 funds in an amount, as determined by the agency, equal to the
13 product of the number of eligible employees employed by the
14 district, school, or service center multiplied by \$1,000 or a
15 greater [~~the~~] amount specified in the General Appropriations Act
16 for purposes of this subchapter and divided by 12. The agency shall
17 distribute funding to only one entity for employees who are
18 employed by more than one entity listed in this section.

19 SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 42, Education Code, is
20 amended by adding Section 42.2516 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 42.2516. ADDITIONAL STATE AID OR CREDIT AGAINST COST
22 OF ATTENDANCE CREDITS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF SALARIES. (a) A
23 school district, including a school district that is otherwise
24 ineligible for state aid under this chapter, is entitled to state
25 aid in an amount, as determined by the commissioner, equal to the
26 product of \$6,000 multiplied by the number of classroom teachers,
27 full-time librarians, full-time counselors certified under

1 Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and full-time school nurses employed by
2 the district and entitled to a minimum salary under Section 21.402.

3 (b) A school district that is required to take action under
4 Chapter 41 to reduce its wealth per student to the equalized wealth
5 level is entitled to a credit, in the amount of state aid to which
6 the district is entitled under this section, against the total
7 amount required under Section 41.093 for the district to purchase
8 attendance credits.

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

11 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this
12 section.

13 SECTION 4. Sections 22.103-22.109, Education Code, as added
14 by Chapter 1359, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session,
15 2005, are repealed.

16 SECTION 5. This Act applies beginning with the 2006-2007
17 school year.

18 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
23 legislative session.