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H.B. No. 79

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the compensation paid to certain professional 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 adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) and amending Subsection (d) 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) \$200.

(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. Subchapter A, Chapter 22, Education Code, is
4 amended by adding Section 22.008 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 22.008. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL
6 DISTRICT EMPLOYEES. (a) In addition to other compensation to which
7 an employee is entitled, a school district employee to whom this
8 section applies is entitled to an annual stipend in the amount of
9 \$500.

10 (b) This section applies only to a school district employee
11 who is not:

12 (1) entitled to a minimum salary under Section 21.402;
13 or

14 (2) employed as a school district or campus
15 administrator.

16 SECTION 3. Section 42.152, Education Code, is amended by
17 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

18 (a-1) In addition to the allotment provided under
19 Subsection (a), a school district is entitled to an additional
20 annual allotment equal to the adjusted basic allotment multiplied
21 by 0.5 for each district student who is enrolled at a campus at
22 which 85 percent or more of the students are educationally
23 disadvantaged. A school district must:

24 (1) spend the additional allotment only at a campus at
25 which 85 percent or more of the students are educationally
26 disadvantaged; and

27 (2) use at least 75 percent of the additional

1 allotment to provide additional compensation to a classroom teacher
2 who:

3 (A) is assigned to a campus at which 85 percent or
4 more of the students are educationally disadvantaged;

5 (B) has at least three years of classroom
6 teaching experience; and

7 (C) teaches a subject that the teacher is
8 certified to teach.

9 SECTION 4. Subchapter E, Chapter 42, Education Code, is
10 amended by adding Section 42.2516 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 42.2516. ADDITIONAL STATE AID OR CREDIT AGAINST COST
12 OF ATTENDANCE CREDITS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF SALARIES. (a) A
13 school district, including a school district that is otherwise
14 ineligible for state aid under this chapter, is entitled to state
15 aid in an amount, as determined by the commissioner, equal to the
16 sum of:

17 (1) the product of \$2,000 multiplied by the number of
18 classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors
19 certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and full-time school
20 nurses employed by the district and entitled to a minimum salary
21 under Section 21.402; and

22 (2) the product of \$500 multiplied by the number of
23 employees employed by the district and entitled to a stipend under
24 Section 22.008.

25 (b) A school district that is required to take action under
26 Chapter 41 to reduce its wealth per student to the equalized wealth
27 level is entitled to a credit, in the amount of state aid to which

1 the district is entitled under this section, against the total
2 amount required under Section 41.093 for the district to purchase
3 attendance credits.

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

6 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this
7 section.

8 SECTION 5. This Act applies beginning with the 2006-2007
9 school year.

10 SECTION 6. 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 on the 91st day after the last day of the
15 legislative session.