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H.B. No. 123

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the salary 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 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. Subchapter E, Chapter 42, Education Code, is
4 amended by adding Section 42.2516 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 42.2516. ADDITIONAL STATE AID OR CREDIT AGAINST COST
6 OF ATTENDANCE CREDITS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF SALARIES. (a) A
7 school district, including a school district that is otherwise
8 ineligible for state aid under this chapter, is entitled to state
9 aid in an amount, as determined by the commissioner, equal to the
10 product of \$6,000 multiplied by the number of classroom teachers,
11 full-time librarians, full-time counselors certified under
12 Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and full-time school nurses employed by
13 the district and entitled to a minimum salary under Section 21.402.

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

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

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

24 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2006-2007
25 school year.

26 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
4 legislative session.