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H.B. No. 354

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 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years, 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 2005-2006 or 2006-2007 school year, as applicable under the district's salary schedule for the 2004-2005 school year, if that schedule had been in effect for the 2005-2006 or 2006-2007 school year, including any local supplement and any money representing a career ladder supplement the employee would have received in the 2005-2006 or 2006-2007 school year; and

(2) \$300.

(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

1 employed by a school district in the 2006-2007 [~~2000-2001~~] school  
2 year is, as long as the employee is employed by the same district,  
3 entitled to a salary that is at least equal to the salary the  
4 employee received for the 2006-2007 [~~2000-2001~~] school year.

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

7 Sec. 42.2516. ADDITIONAL STATE AID OR CREDIT AGAINST COST  
8 OF ATTENDANCE CREDITS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF SALARIES. (a) A  
9 school district, including a school district that is otherwise  
10 ineligible for state aid under this chapter, is entitled to state  
11 aid in an amount, as determined by the commissioner, equal to the  
12 product of \$3,000 multiplied by the number of classroom teachers,  
13 full-time librarians, full-time counselors certified under  
14 Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and full-time school nurses employed by  
15 the district and entitled to a minimum salary under Section 21.402.

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

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

24 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this  
25 section.

26 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2005-2006  
27 school year.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.