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H.B. No. 557

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the number of administrators employed by a school district and the salaries paid to those persons.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.204 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.204. TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR RATIOS; SALARY LIMIT.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Administrator" means a school district employee, other than a classroom teacher or direct student service provider, who:

(A) holds at least a bachelor's degree; and

(B) earns an annual salary of more than \$40,000.

(2) "Direct student service provider" means:

(A) a librarian assigned to a campus;

(B) a nurse assigned to a campus; or

(C) a certified counselor.

(b) A school district may not employ a number of administrators that exceeds a ratio of one administrator for each nine classroom teachers employed by the district.

(b-1) Subsection (b) applies beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. For the 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009 school years, a school district may not employ a number of administrators that exceeds the following average ratios:

1 (1) for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years, one
2 administrator for each seven classroom teachers employed by the
3 district; and

4 (2) for the 2008-2009 school year, one administrator
5 for each eight classroom teachers employed by the district.

6 (b-2) Subsection (c) applies to the computation of a ratio
7 under Subsection (b-1). Subsection (b-1) and this subsection
8 expire January 1, 2010.

9 (c) For purposes of Subsection (b):

10 (1) the principal and one assistant principal at each
11 campus in the district are considered to be direct student service
12 providers;

13 (2) an administrator who teaches one or more classes
14 is counted as one-half an administrator and is not counted as a
15 classroom teacher; and

16 (3) a direct student service provider is not counted
17 as either a classroom teacher or an administrator unless the person
18 is also a classroom teacher, in which event the person is counted as
19 a classroom teacher.

20 (d) A school district may not pay an administrator a salary
21 that exceeds five times the amount of the lowest salary the district
22 pays a full-time classroom teacher.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.