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H.B. No. 1371

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a salary supplement for certain retirement-eligible classroom teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.4031 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.4031. SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR CERTAIN RETIREMENT-ELIGIBLE CLASSROOM TEACHERS. (a) The amounts specified by this section are in addition to amounts to which a classroom teacher is entitled under Section 21.402.

(b) A classroom teacher, other than an employed retiree reported as described by Section 825.4092, Government Code, is entitled to an annual salary supplement equal to:

(1) \$1,000 for a year in which the sum of the teacher's age and years of service credit in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas equals at least 80 but less than 85;

(2) \$2,000 for a year in which the sum of the teacher's age and years of service credit in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas equals at least 85 but less than 90;

(3) \$3,000 for a year in which the sum of the teacher's age and years of service credit in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas equals at least 90 but less than 95; and

(4) \$4,000 for a year in which the sum of the teacher's age and years of service credit in the Teacher Retirement System of

1 Texas equals at least 95.

2 (c) If a person is entitled to a salary supplement under a
3 provision of Subsection (b) for only part of a year, the amount of
4 the salary supplement shall be prorated accordingly.

5 (d) The Teacher Retirement System of Texas, at the request
6 of the agency, shall provide the agency information and assistance
7 necessary to determine a person's eligibility for a salary
8 supplement under this section.

9 (e) A school district is entitled to state funds in an
10 amount equal to the sum of the salary supplements to which classroom
11 teachers employed by the district are entitled under this section.
12 Funding a school district receives under this section is in
13 addition to any funding the district receives under Chapter 42. The
14 commissioner shall distribute funds under this section with the
15 Foundation School Program payment to which the district is entitled
16 as soon as practicable after the end of the school year as
17 determined by the commissioner. A district to which Chapter 41
18 applies is entitled to funding under this section. The
19 commissioner shall determine the timing of the distribution of
20 funds to a district that does not receive Foundation School Program
21 payments.

22 SECTION 2. Section 21.4031, Education Code, as added by
23 this Act, applies beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.