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H.B. No. 79

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the salary paid to classroom teachers employed by 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-2), (c-3), and (d) and amending Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(c-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for the 2017-2018 school year, a classroom teacher is entitled to a monthly salary that is at least equal to the sum of:

(1) the monthly salary the teacher would have received for the 2017-2018 school year under the district's salary schedule for the 2016-2017 school year, if that schedule had been in effect for the 2017-2018 school year, including any local supplement and any money representing a career ladder supplement the teacher would have received in the 2017-2018 school year; and

(2) \$100.

(c-3) Subsection (c-2) and this subsection expire September 1, 2018.

(d) A classroom teacher employed by a school district in the 2017-2018 school year is, as long as the teacher is employed by the same district, entitled to a salary that is at least equal to the salary the teacher received for the 2017-2018 school year.

(g) The commissioner may adopt rules to govern the

1 application of this section, including rules that:

2 (1) require the payment of a minimum salary under this
3 section to a person employed in more than one capacity for which a
4 minimum salary is provided and whose combined employment in those
5 capacities constitutes full-time employment; and

6 (2) specify the credentials a person must hold to be
7 considered a [~~speech pathologist or~~] school nurse under this
8 section.

9 SECTION 2. Section 42.2513(a), Education Code, is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 (a) A school district, including a school district that is
12 otherwise ineligible for state aid under this chapter, is entitled
13 to state aid in an amount equal to the sum of:

14 (1) the product of \$500 multiplied by the number of
15 full-time district employees, other than administrators or
16 employees subject to the minimum salary schedule under Section
17 21.402; [~~and~~]

18 (2) the product of \$1,000 multiplied by the number of
19 classroom teachers employed by the district; and

20 (3) the product of \$250 multiplied by the number of
21 part-time district employees, other than administrators.

22 SECTION 3. Section 21.402(c-1), Education Code, is
23 repealed.

24 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
25 school year.

26 SECTION 5. 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.