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H.B. No. 217

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the salary paid to certain professional employees of public schools; making an appropriation.

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, full-time librarian, full-time school 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 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) \$250.

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

(d) A classroom teacher, full-time librarian, full-time school counselor certified under Subchapter B, or full-time school nurse employed by a school district in the 2017-2018 school year is,

1 as long as the teacher is employed by the same district, entitled to
2 a salary that is at least equal to the salary the teacher received
3 for the 2017-2018 school year.

4 (g) The commissioner may adopt rules to govern the
5 application of this section, including rules that:

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

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

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

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

18 (1) the product of \$500 multiplied by the number of
19 full-time district employees, other than administrators or
20 employees subject to the minimum salary schedule under Section
21 21.402; [~~and~~]

22 (2) the product of \$2,500 multiplied by the number of
23 classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time school
24 counselors certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and full-time
25 school nurses employed by the district; and

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

1 SECTION 3. The amount of \$2.5 billion is appropriated from
2 the economic stabilization fund to the foundation school fund for
3 distribution by the commissioner of education during the state
4 fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2017, to school districts to
5 provide salary increases as provided by Section 42.2513, Education
6 Code, as amended by this Act.

7 SECTION 4. Section 21.402(c-1), Education Code, is
8 repealed.

9 SECTION 5. (a) Subject to Subsection (b) of this section:

10 (1) this Act takes effect immediately if it receives a
11 vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution; and

13 (2) if this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
14 immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
15 last day of the legislative session.

16 (b) This Act takes effect only if it receives a vote of
17 two-thirds of the members present in each house of the legislature,
18 as provided by Section 49-g(m), Article III, Texas Constitution.