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H.B. No. 270

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the salary paid to classroom teachers and other
3 professional employees employed by public schools; making an
4 appropriation.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 21.402, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsections (c-2), (c-3), and (d) and amending Subsection
8 (g) to read as follows:

9 (c-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for the 2017-2018
10 school year, a classroom teacher, full-time librarian, full-time
11 school counselor certified under Subchapter B, or full-time school
12 nurse is entitled to a monthly salary that is at least equal to the
13 sum of:

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

20 (2) \$100.

21 (c-3) Subsection (c-2) and this subsection expire September
22 1, 2018.

23 (d) A classroom teacher, full-time librarian, full-time
24 school counselor certified under Subchapter B, or full-time school

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (1) the product of \$500 multiplied by the number of
20 full-time district employees, other than administrators or
21 employees subject to the minimum salary schedule under Section
22 21.402; [~~and~~]

23 (2) the product of \$1,000 multiplied by the number of
24 classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time school
25 counselors certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and full-time
26 school nurses employed by the district; and

27 (3) the product of \$250 multiplied by the number of

1 part-time district employees, other than administrators.

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

9 SECTION 4. Section 21.402(c-1), Education Code, is
10 repealed.

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

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

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

18 (b) Section 3 of this Act takes effect only if it receives a
19 vote of two-thirds of the members present in each house of the
20 legislature, as provided by Section 49-g(m), Article III, Texas
21 Constitution.