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H.B. No. 861

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the salary paid to certain professional staff 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, full-time librarian, full-time school counselor certified under Subchapter B, or full-time nurse is entitled to a monthly salary that is at least equal to the sum of:

(1) the monthly salary the employee 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 employee would have received in the 2017-2018 school year; and

(2) \$400.

(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 nurse employed by a school district in the 2017-2018 school year is, as long as the employee is employed by the same district, entitled to a

1 salary that is at least equal to the salary the employee received  
2 for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (2) the product of \$4,000 multiplied by the number of  
22 classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time school  
23 counselors certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and full-time  
24 nurses employed by the district; and

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

27 SECTION 3. Section 21.402(c-1), Education Code, is

1 repealed.

2 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018  
3 school year.

4 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.