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H.B. No. 1371

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to additional funding to school districts for classroom teacher salaries.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.4023 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.4023. CLASSROOM TEACHER SALARY ALLOTMENT. (a) Every full-time classroom teacher is entitled to an annual salary allotment in the amount of \$5,000.

(b) A salary allotment a teacher receives under this section is not considered in determining whether the district is paying the teacher the minimum monthly salary under Section 21.402.

(b-1) Notwithstanding Section 21.402, for the 2019-2020 school year, every full-time 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 2019-2020 school year under the district's salary schedule for the 2018-2019 school year, if that schedule had been in effect for the 2019-2020 school year, including any local supplement and any money representing any other supplement the teacher would have received in the 2019-2020 school year; and

(2) \$500.

(b-2) Subsection (b-1) and this subsection expire September 1, 2020.

1 (c) A school district may provide a merit salary increase to
2 a full-time classroom teacher in addition to the salary allotment
3 to which the teacher is entitled under this section.

4 (d) A school district shall provide written notice to each
5 full-time classroom teacher that the salary allotment to which the
6 teacher is entitled under this section is provided by the state.

7 (e) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to
8 implement this section.

9 SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 42, Education Code, is
10 amended by adding Section 42.25131 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 42.25131. ADDITIONAL STATE AID OR CREDIT AGAINST COST
12 OF ATTENDANCE CREDITS FOR CLASSROOM TEACHER SALARY ALLOTMENT. (a)
13 For each school year, a school district, including a school
14 district that is otherwise ineligible for state aid under this
15 chapter, is entitled to state aid in an amount equal to the product
16 of \$5,000 multiplied by the number of full-time classroom teachers
17 employed by the district.

18 (b) A school district shall use the amount received under
19 this section to provide the salary allotments for full-time
20 classroom teachers required under Section 21.4023.

21 (c) A school district that is required to take action under
22 Chapter 41 to reduce its wealth per student to the equalized wealth
23 level is entitled to a credit, in the amount of state aid to which
24 the district is entitled under this section, against the total
25 amount required under Section 41.093 for the district to purchase
26 attendance credits.

27 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this

1 section.

2 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
3 school year.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.