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H.B. No. 3131

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the salary paid to certain professional employees of 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 2019-2020 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 employee 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 a career ladder supplement the employee would have received in the 2019-2020 school year; and

(2) \$500.

(c-3) Subsection (c-2) and this subsection expire September 1, 2020.

(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 2019-2020 school year is,

1 as long as the employee is employed by the same district, entitled
2 to a salary that is at least equal to the salary the employee
3 received for the 2019-2020 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 \$5,000 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. Section [21.402\(c-1\)](#), Education Code, is
2 repealed.

3 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
4 school year.

5 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.