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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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 school year under the district's salary schedule for the 2020-2021 school year, if that schedule had been in effect for the 2021-2022 school year, including any local supplement and any money representing a career ladder supplement the employee would have received in the 2021-2022 school year; and

(2)  $400.

(c-3)  Subsection (c-2) and this subsection expire September 1, 2022.

(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 2021-2022 school year is, as long as the employee is employed by the same district, entitled to a salary that is at least equal to the salary the employee received for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

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

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

SECTION 2.  Subchapter F, Chapter 48, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 48.2521 to read as follows:

Sec. 48.2521.  ADDITIONAL STATE AID FOR SALARY INCREASES FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES. (a) A school district, including a school district that is otherwise ineligible for state aid under this chapter, is entitled to state aid in an amount equal to the product of $4,000 multiplied by the number of classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time school counselors certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and full-time school nurses employed by the district.

(b)  The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this section.

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  Section 21.402(c-1), Education Code, is repealed.

SECTION 4.  This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

SECTION 5.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.