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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | relating to the salary and wages paid to public school employees; |
| 3 | making an appropriation. |
| 4 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: |
| 5 | SECTION 1. Section 21.402, Education Code, is amended by |
| 6 | adding Subsections (c-2), (c-3), and (d) and amending Subsection |
| 7 | (g) to read as follows: |
| 8 | (c-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for the 2025-2026 |
| 9 | school year, a classroom teacher, full-time librarian, full-time |
| 10 | school counselor certified under Subchapter B, or full-time school |
| 11 | nurse is entitled to a monthly salary that is at least equal to the |
| 12 | sum of: |
| 13 | (1) the monthly salary the employee would have |
| 14 | received for the 2025-2026 school year under the district's salary |
| 15 | schedule for the 2024-2025 school year, if that schedule had been in |
| 16 | effect for the 2025-2026 school year, including any local |
| 17 | supplement and any money representing a career ladder supplement |
| 18 | the employee would have received in the 2025-2026 school year; and |
| 19 | <u>(2) \$400.</u> |
| 20 | (c-3) Subsection $(c-2)$ and this subsection expire September |
| 21 | <u>1, 2026.</u> |
| 22 | (d) A classroom teacher, full-time librarian, full-time |
| 23 | school counselor certified under Subchapter B, or full-time school |
| 24 | nurse employed by a school district in the 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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.
- SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 48, Education Code, is
- 14 amended by adding Section 48.2521 to read as follows:
- 15 Sec. 48.2521. ADDITIONAL STATE AID FOR SALARY INCREASES FOR
- 16 CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES. A school district, including a
- 17 school district that is otherwise ineligible for state aid under
- 18 this chapter, is entitled to state aid in an amount equal to the
- 19 product of \$4,000 multiplied by the number of classroom teachers,
- 20 full-time librarians, full-time school counselors certified under
- 21 Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and full-time school nurses employed by
- 22 the district.
- SECTION 3. (a) The amount of \$1 billion is appropriated
- 24 from the economic stabilization fund to the foundation school fund
- 25 for distribution by the commissioner of education during the state
- 26 fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, to school districts to
- 27 provide one-time retention bonuses to district support staff.

- 1 (b) The commissioner of education shall distribute the
- 2 amount appropriated under this section to school districts on the
- 3 basis of the number of full-time district employees, other than
- 4 administrators and employees subject to the minimum salary schedule
- 5 under Section 21.402, Education Code.
- 6 (c) Each school district may use funds distributed under
- 7 this section only to increase the salary that would otherwise be
- 8 provided to district employees described by Subsection (b) of this
- 9 section.
- 10 (d) This section takes effect only if this Act is approved
- 11 by a vote of two-thirds of the members present in each house of the
- 12 legislature, as provided by Section 49-g(m), Article III, Texas
- 13 Constitution.
- 14 SECTION 4. Section 21.402(c-1), Education Code, is
- 15 repealed.
- SECTION 5. Section 21.402, Education Code, as amended by
- 17 this Act, applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.
- SECTION 6. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this Act,
- 19 this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.
- 20 (b) Section 21.402, Education Code, as amended by this Act,
- 21 takes effect immediately if this Act receives a vote of two-thirds
- 22 of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39,
- 23 Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the
- 24 vote necessary for immediate effect, that provision takes effect
- 25 September 1, 2025.