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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, members of local boards of education are authorized to receive up to six hundred dollars (\$600) compensation per month.

Also under existing law, the State Superintendent of Education is required to develop continuing education and training programs for members of local boards of education.

This bill would increase the compensation that members of local boards of education are eligible to receive to nine hundred dollars (\$900) per month.

This bill would entitle members of local boards of education to receive a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50) compensation per month.

This bill would also require the compensation of a member of a local board of education be placed in escrow if certain continuing education and training requirements are not met, and would revert the funds back to the local board of education if funds remain in escrow when the member leaves his or her office.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT



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30 Relating to the compensation of members of local boards
31 of education; to amend Section 16-1-26, Code of Alabama 1975;
32 to repeal Section 16-8-5, Code of Alabama 1975; to increase
33 the maximum compensation for members of local boards of
34 education; to provide a minimum compensation for members of
35 local boards of education; to place the compensation of a
36 member of a local board of education in escrow if certain
37 continuing education and training requirements are not met;
38 and to provide procedures if a member of a local board of
39 education leaves office while his or her compensation remains
40 in escrow.

41 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

42 Section 1. Section 16-1-26, Code of Alabama 1975, is
43 amended to read as follows:

44 "§16-1-26

45 (a) (1) Members of ~~city and county school~~ local boards
46 of education are authorized to receive reasonable compensation
47 for their services, not to exceed ~~six hundred dollars (\$600)~~
48 nine hundred dollars (\$900) per month, unless set at a higher
49 figure by a local act, upon approval by a majority vote of the
50 members at the board's annual meeting. Compensation shall be
51 in addition to actual traveling and other necessary expenses
52 incurred in attending meetings and transacting business of the
53 board.

54 (2) Members of local boards of education shall be
55 entitled to receive a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50)
56 compensation per month.



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57 (b) The compensation, actual traveling expenses, and
58 other necessary expenses incurred shall be paid as other
59 ordinary and necessary expenses of the board.

60 (c) Any individual ~~school board member~~ member of a
61 local board of education, ~~at his or her option~~, may refuse to
62 accept all or any portion of the approved compensation.

63 (d) The compensation of any member of a local board of
64 education who is not in compliance with the continuing
65 education and training requirements developed pursuant to
66 Section 16-1-41.1 shall be held in escrow by the local board
67 of education until the member becomes compliant. In the event
68 that a member vacates, resigns from, or otherwise leaves his
69 or her position as a member of the local board of education
70 with any compensation remaining in escrow, those remaining
71 funds shall then revert back to the local board of education."

72 Section 2. Section 16-8-5, Code of Alabama 1975,
73 relating to the compensation of members of county boards of
74 education, is repealed.

75 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
76 1, 2024.