

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 274

BY REPRESENTATIVE POPE

BUDGETARY CONTROLS: Provides for the appropriation of funds for the reimbursement of stipends for national certification of certain education employees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:421.6(B), 421.8(C), 421.9(C), 421.10(C), and 421.11(C), and
3 to enact R.S. 17:421.10(H) and 421.11(H), relative to salary adjustments; to mandate
4 state reimbursement of salary adjustments to school boards for certain school
5 employees having certain credentials; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:421.6(B), 421.8(C), 421.9(C), 421.10(C), and 421.11(C) are
8 hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:421.10(H) and 421.11(H) are hereby enacted to
9 read as follows:

10 §421.6. Adjustments in salaries of teachers having certificates issued by the
11 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

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13 B. ~~Subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose, the Funds shall be~~
14 appropriated annually to the state Department of Education in an amount of to
15 sufficiently fund the salary adjustment provided by a school board to a teacher or
16 school administrator pursuant to the provisions of this ~~Section shall be reimbursed~~
17 ~~to Section, and shall be used to reimburse~~ the school board ~~annually by the state~~
18 ~~Department of Education. However ; however,~~ no such reimbursement shall exceed
19 five thousand dollars per year per teacher or school administrator, including
20 retirement benefits.

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1 §421.8. Supplements to salaries of school counselors having certain certificates
2 issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors

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4 C. ~~Subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose, the~~ Funds shall be
5 appropriated annually to the Department of Education in an amount of ~~to sufficiently~~
6 fund the salary supplement provided by a school board to a school counselor
7 pursuant to the provisions of this ~~Section shall be reimbursed to~~ Section, and shall
8 be used to reimburse the school board ~~annually by the state Department of Education~~
9 ~~out of funds appropriated for such purpose. However ; however,~~ no such
10 reimbursement shall exceed five thousand dollars per year per school counselor.

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12 §421.9. Supplements to salaries of school psychologists having certain credentials
13 issued by the National School Psychology Certification Board

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15 C. ~~Subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose, the~~ Funds shall be
16 appropriated annually to the State Department of Education in an amount of ~~to~~
17 sufficiently fund the salary supplement provided by a school board to a school
18 psychologist pursuant to the provisions of this ~~Section shall be reimbursed to~~
19 Section, and shall be used to reimburse the school board ~~annually by the state~~
20 ~~Department of Education out of funds appropriated for such purpose. However~~
21 ; however, no such reimbursement shall exceed five thousand dollars per year per
22 school psychologist.

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24 §421.10. Supplements to salaries of school social workers having certain certificates
25 issued by the National Association of Social Workers

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27 C. ~~Subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose, the~~ Funds shall be
28 appropriated annually to the State Department of Education in an amount of ~~to~~
29 sufficiently fund the salary supplement provided by a school board to a school social

1 worker pursuant to the provisions of this ~~Section shall be reimbursed to Section, and~~
2 shall be used to reimburse the school board ~~annually by the state Department of~~
3 ~~Education out of funds appropriated for such purpose. However ; however,~~ no such
4 reimbursement shall exceed five thousand dollars per year per school social worker.

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6 H. In addition to any other requirements of this Section, to receive the salary
7 adjustment provided by this Section, an otherwise eligible person shall be awarded
8 the initial credential issued by the National Association of Social Workers prior to
9 July 1, 2013.

10 §421.11. Supplements to salaries of school speech-language pathologists and
11 audiologists having certain certificates issued by the American Speech-
12 Language Hearing Association

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14 C. ~~Subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose, the Funds shall be~~
15 appropriated annually to the State Department of Education in an amount of to
16 sufficiently fund the salary supplement provided by a school board to a school
17 speech-language pathologist or audiologist pursuant to the provisions of this ~~Section~~
18 ~~shall be reimbursed to Section, and shall be used to reimburse~~ the school board
19 ~~annually by the state Department of Education out of funds appropriated for such~~
20 ~~purpose. However ; however,~~ no such reimbursement shall exceed five thousand
21 dollars per year per school speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

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23 H. In addition to any other requirements of this Section, to receive the salary
24 adjustment provided by this Section, an otherwise eligible person shall be awarded
25 the initial credential issued by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association
26 prior to July 1, 2013.

27 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010; if vetoed by the
28 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

1 effective on July 1, 2010, or on the day following such approval by the legislature,
2 whichever is later.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Pope

HB No. 274

Abstract: Provides for the appropriation of funds for the state reimbursement to school boards for the payment of salary adjustments for nationally certified teachers, school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, and school speech-language pathologists.

Present law provides that each school board shall provide an annual amount of \$5,000 to each of the following categories of professionals who receives certification from the following national boards:

- (1) Teachers and school administrators with certificates issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.
- (2) School counselors with certificates issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors.
- (3) School psychologists with certificates issued by the National School Psychology Certification Board.
- (4) School social workers with certificates issued by the National Association of Social Workers.
- (5) School speech-language pathologists with certificates issued by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association.

Present law for each aforementioned category of professionals provides for the reimbursement to school boards annually by the state Dept. of Education. Provides that such reimbursements shall be subject to appropriations and out of funds appropriated for such purposes.

Proposed law deletes restrictions in present law that the reimbursement be subject to appropriation and instead, for each category of professionals, provides that funds shall be appropriated annually to the state Dept. of Education for reimbursement.

Present law requires that teachers, school counselors, and school psychologists receive the initial certification from the respective national associations prior to July 1, 2013, to be eligible for the salary adjustment.

Proposed law retains present law and further requires school social workers and school speech-language pathologists to receive the initial certification from the respective national associations prior to July 1, 2013, to be eligible for the salary adjustment.

Effective July 1, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 17:421.6(B), 421.8(C), 421.9(C), 421.10(C), and 421.11(C); Adds R.S. 17:421.10(H) and 421.11(H))