

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 286

BY SENATOR NEVERS

TEACHERS. Requires the Dept. of Education to reimburse local school boards for salary supplements paid to certain nationally board certified school personnel. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:421.6(A)(1), (B) and (C), 421.8(A) and (C), 421.9(B) and

3 (C), 421.10(A), (B) and (C), and 421.11(A), (B) and (C) and to repeal R.S. 17:

4 421.8(D), 421.9(F) and (G), 421.10(D) and (F), and 421.11(D) and (F), relative to

5 salary supplements for school employees having certain certifications or credentials;

6 to provide that school boards shall be reimbursed for payment of such supplements

7 by the state Department of Education; to remove the limitation on the time period for

8 teachers, school counselors, and school psychologists to qualify for such

9 supplements; to repeal outdated provisions; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 17:421.6(A)(1), (B) and (C), 421.8(A) and (C), 421.9(B) and (C),

12 421.10(A), (B) and (C), and 421.11(A), (B) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to

13 read as follows:

14 §421.6. Adjustments in salaries of teachers having certificates issued by the

15 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

16 A.(1) ~~Effective for the 1999-2000 school year and thereafter, a~~ A full-time

17 teacher who holds both a valid Louisiana regular teaching certificate approved by the

1 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and a valid certificate issued
 2 by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is employed by
 3 a school board to provide instruction to students shall receive from the school board,
 4 in addition to his annual salary as provided by law and school board policy, an
 5 annual amount of not less than five thousand dollars with such additional amount to
 6 be distributed in the same manner as the annual salary. For any teacher awarded the
 7 certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards during
 8 the 1999-2000 school year or thereafter, such additional amount shall be paid to the
 9 teacher beginning in the school year immediately following the school year in which
 10 the teacher is awarded the certificate.

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12 B. ~~Subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose, the~~ **The** amount of
 13 the salary adjustment provided by a school board to a teacher or school administrator
 14 pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be reimbursed to the school board
 15 annually by the state Department of Education. However, no such reimbursement
 16 shall exceed five thousand dollars per year per teacher or school administrator,
 17 including retirement benefits.

18 C. ~~In addition to any other requirements of this Section, to receive the salary~~
 19 ~~adjustment provided by this Section an otherwise eligible person shall have been~~
 20 ~~awarded the initial certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching~~
 21 ~~Standards prior to July 1, 2013: **The salary supplement of any teacher or school**~~
 22 ~~**administrator authorized by this Section shall continue for a period not to**~~
 23 ~~**exceed the term of the national professional certificate as determined by the**~~
 24 ~~**National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, which is a period not to**~~
 25 ~~**exceed five years. However, such supplement shall continue in effect without**~~
 26 ~~**interruption as long as the teacher or school administrator provides to the**~~
 27 ~~**school board documentation of renewal by the national board.**~~

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29 §421.8. Supplements to salaries of school counselors having certain certificates

1 issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors

2 A. ~~Effective for the 2001-2002 school year and thereafter, a~~ **A** full-time
3 school counselor who holds both a valid Louisiana counseling credential approved
4 and issued by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and a
5 National Certified School Counselor credential issued by the National Board for
6 Certified Counselors and who is employed by a school board to provide services to
7 students shall receive from the school board, in addition to annual salary, an annual
8 amount of five thousand dollars with such additional amount to be distributed in the
9 same manner as the annual salary. ~~To receive the salary supplement provided by this~~
10 ~~Section, an otherwise eligible person shall have been awarded the initial credential~~
11 ~~issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors prior to July 1, 2013.~~

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13 C. ~~Subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose, the~~ **The** amount of
14 the salary supplement provided by a school board to a school counselor pursuant to
15 the provisions of this Section shall be reimbursed to the school board annually by the
16 state Department of Education ~~out of funds appropriated for such purpose.~~ However,
17 no such reimbursement shall exceed five thousand dollars per year per school
18 counselor.

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20 §421.9. Supplements to salaries of school psychologists having certain credentials
21 issued by the National School Psychology Certification Board

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23 B.~~(1)~~ Any school psychologist verified to have been awarded the certificate
24 issued by the National School Psychology Certification Board by June thirtieth shall
25 be paid the initial supplement beginning in the school year immediately following
26 such date provided he submits appropriate documentation to his employing school
27 board.

28 ~~(2) The school board shall submit the appropriate documentation as required~~
29 ~~by the Department of Education no later than a date to be determined no later than~~

1 ~~September 15, 2004, by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for~~
 2 ~~verification of the documentation and in order to receive reimbursement as provided~~
 3 ~~in Subsection C of this Section.~~

4 C. ~~Subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose, the~~ **The** amount of
 5 the salary supplement provided by a school board to a school psychologist pursuant
 6 to the provisions of this Section shall be reimbursed to the school board annually by
 7 the state Department of Education ~~out of funds appropriated for such purpose.~~
 8 However, no such reimbursement shall exceed five thousand dollars per year per
 9 school psychologist.

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11 §421.10. Supplements to salaries of school social workers having certain certificates
 12 issued by the National Association of Social Workers

13 A. ~~Effective for the 2003-2004 school year and thereafter, a~~ **A** full-time
 14 school social worker who holds both a valid professional ancillary certificate in
 15 school social work issued by the state Department of Education and the Certified
 16 School Social Work Specialist credential issued by the National Association of
 17 Social Workers and who is employed by a school board to provide social work
 18 services to students shall receive from the school board, in addition to annual salary,
 19 an annual amount of five thousand dollars with such additional amount to be
 20 distributed in the same manner as the annual salary ~~provided the amount for such~~
 21 ~~supplement has been appropriated to the state Department of Education for~~
 22 ~~reimbursement pursuant to Subsection C of this Section.~~

23 B.(1) Any school social worker verified to have been awarded the Certified
 24 School Social Work Specialist credential issued by the National Association of
 25 Social Workers by June thirtieth shall be paid the initial supplement beginning in the
 26 school year immediately following such date provided he submits appropriate
 27 documentation to the employing school board.

28 (2) ~~The school board shall submit the appropriate documentation as required~~
 29 ~~by the Department of Education no later than a date to be determined no later than~~

1 ~~September 15, 2004, by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for~~
 2 ~~verification of the documentation and in order to receive reimbursement as provided~~
 3 ~~in Subsection C of this Section.~~

4 C. ~~Subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose, the~~ **The** amount of
 5 the salary supplement provided by a school board to a school social worker pursuant
 6 to the provisions of this Section shall be reimbursed to the school board annually by
 7 the state Department of Education ~~out of funds appropriated for such purpose.~~
 8 However, no such reimbursement shall exceed five thousand dollars per year per
 9 school social worker.

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

14 A. ~~Effective for the 2003-2004 school year and thereafter, a~~ **A** full-time
 15 school speech-language pathologist or audiologist who holds a valid Louisiana
 16 credential approved and issued by the state Department of Education, a license
 17 approved and issued by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
 18 Pathology and Audiology, and a Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by the
 19 American Speech-Language Hearing Association and who is employed by a school
 20 board to provide or coordinate services to students shall receive from the school
 21 board, in addition to annual salary, an annual amount of five thousand dollars with
 22 such additional amount to be distributed in the same manner as the annual salary
 23 ~~provided the amount for such supplement has been appropriated to the state~~
 24 ~~Department of Education for reimbursement pursuant to Subsection C of this~~
 25 ~~Section.~~

26 B.(1) Any school speech-language pathologist or audiologist verified to have
 27 been awarded the certificate issued by the American Speech-Language Hearing
 28 Association by June thirtieth shall be paid the initial supplement beginning in the
 29 school year immediately following such date provided he submits appropriate

1 documentation to the employing school board.

2 ~~(2) The school board shall submit the appropriate documentation as required~~
3 ~~by the Department of Education no later than a date to be determined no later than~~
4 ~~September 15, 2004, by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for~~
5 ~~verification of the documentation and in order to receive reimbursement as provided~~
6 ~~in Subsection C of this Section.~~

7 C. ~~Subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose, the~~ **The** amount of
8 the salary supplement provided by a school board to a school speech-language
9 pathologist or audiologist pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be
10 reimbursed to the school board annually by the state Department of Education ~~out~~
11 ~~of funds appropriated for such purpose.~~ However, no such reimbursement shall
12 exceed five thousand dollars per year per school speech-language pathologist or
13 audiologist.

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15 Section 2. R.S. 17: 421.8(D), 421.9(F) and (G), 421.10(D) and (F), and 421.11(D)
16 and (F) are hereby repealed.

17 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
21 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

Nevers (SB 286)

Present law (R.S. 17:421.6) provides that the employing school board shall pay an annual salary supplement of not less than \$5,000/year to a teacher or administrator who holds both a valid Louisiana teaching certificate and a valid certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Further provides that the school board shall be reimbursed by the Department of Education (DOE) if funds are appropriated for this purpose.

Proposed law deletes provisions of present law that make reimbursement to the employing school board contingent upon legislative appropriation, and instead provides that DOE shall annually reimburse the employing school board.

Present law provides that to be eligible to receive the salary adjustment provided to nationally certified teachers and administrators, an otherwise eligible person must have been awarded the initial certificate by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards prior to July 1, 2013.

Proposed law removes this time restriction.

Proposed law provides that the salary supplement of any teacher or school teacher provided by present law shall continue for a period not to exceed the term of the national professional certificate, not to exceed five years. Further provides that such supplement shall continue in effect without interruption as long as the teacher or school administrator provides documentation of renewal by the national board.

Present law (R.S. 17:421.8) provides that the employing school board shall pay an annual salary supplement of \$5,000/year to a full-time school counselor who holds both a valid Louisiana counseling credential and a National Certified School Counselor credential issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors. Further provides that the school board shall be reimbursed by DOE if funds are appropriated for this purpose.

Proposed law deletes provisions of present law that make reimbursement to the employing school board contingent upon legislative appropriation, and instead provides that DOE shall annually reimburse the employing school board.

Present law provides that to be eligible to receive the salary adjustment provided to nationally certified school counselors, an otherwise eligible person must have been awarded the initial credential by the National Board for Certified Counselors prior to July 1, 2013.

Proposed law removes this time restriction.

Present law provides that the salary supplement of any school counselor shall continue for a period not to exceed the term of the national professional certificate, not to exceed five years. Further provides that such supplement shall continue in effect without interruption as long as the school counselor provides documentation of renewal by the national board.

Proposed law retains these provisions.

Present law (R.S. 17:421.9) provides that the employing school board shall pay an annual salary supplement not to exceed \$5,000/year to a full-time school psychologist who holds both a valid Louisiana ancillary certificate and a National Certified School Psychologist credential issued by the National School Psychology Certification Board. Further provides that the school board shall be reimbursed by DOE if funds are appropriated for this purpose.

Proposed law deletes provisions of present law that make reimbursement to the employing school board contingent upon legislative appropriation, and instead provides that DOE shall annually reimburse the employing school board.

Present law provides that to be eligible to receive the salary adjustment provided to nationally certified school psychologists, an otherwise eligible person must have been awarded the initial credential by the National School Psychology Certification Board prior to July 1, 2013.

Proposed law removes this time restriction.

Present law provides that the salary supplement of any school psychologist shall continue for a period not to exceed the term of the national professional certificate, not to exceed three years. Further provides that such supplement shall continue in effect without interruption as long as the school counselor provides documentation of renewal by the national board.

Proposed law retains these provisions.

Present law (R.S. 17:421.10) provides that the employing school board shall pay an annual salary supplement of \$5,000/year to a full-time school social worker who holds both a valid professional ancillary certificate in school social work and the Certified School Social Work Specialist credential issued by the National Association of Social Workers. Further provides that the school board shall be reimbursed by DOE if funds are appropriated for this purpose.

Proposed law deletes provisions of present law that make reimbursement to the employing school board contingent upon legislative appropriation, and instead provides that DOE shall annually reimburse the employing school board.

Present law provides that the salary supplement of any school social worker shall continue for a period not to exceed the term of the national certificate, not to exceed two years. Further provides that such supplement shall continue in effect without interruption as long as the school counselor provides documentation of renewal by the national board.

Proposed law retains these provisions.

Present law (R.S. 17:421.11) provides that the employing school board shall pay an annual salary supplement of \$5,000/year to a full-time school speech-language pathologist or audiologist who holds both a valid Louisiana credential, a license issued by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, and a Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association. Further provides that the school board shall be reimbursed by DOE if funds are appropriated for this purpose.

Proposed law deletes provisions of present law that make reimbursement to the employing school board contingent upon legislative appropriation, and instead provides that DOE shall annually reimburse the employing school board.

Present law provides that the salary supplement of any school speech-language pathologist or audiologist shall continue for a period not to exceed the term of the national professional certificate, which is a certificate that must be renewed annually. Further provides that such supplement shall continue in effect without interruption as long as the school counselor provides documentation of certificate renewal by the national board.

Proposed law retains these provisions.

Proposed law repeals outdated provisions in R.S. 17:421.8, 421.9, 421.10 and 421.11 establishing timelines and deadlines related to initial implementation of present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:421.6(A)(1), (B) and (C), 421.8(A) and (C), 421.9(B) and (C), 421.10(A), (B) and (C), and 421.11(A), (B) and (C); repeals R.S. 17: 421.8(D), 421.9(F) and (G), 421.10(D) and (F), and 421.11(D) and (F))