

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE BILL 1037

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
8 Section 6-206, which relates to an annual salary  
9 bonus for certain school employees; requiring annual  
10 salary bonuses for school psychologists, speech-  
11 language pathologists, and audiologists; deleting  
12 outdated statutory reference; and providing an  
13 effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-206, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 6-206. A. ~~Subject to the availability of funds, the~~  
18 The State Board of Education shall provide an annual salary bonus in  
19 the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) no later than  
20 January 31 of each year to the following employees of public school  
21 districts:

22 1. Any school psychologist who has been designated as a  
23 Nationally Certified School Psychologist by the National School  
24 Psychology Certification Board; and

1           2. Any speech-language pathologist or audiologist who holds a  
2 Certificate of Clinical Competence awarded by the American Speech-  
3 Language-Hearing Association.

4           B. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the  
5 provision of the bonus pursuant to this section to include, but not  
6 be limited to, a process by which a nationally certified school  
7 psychologist, speech-language pathologist and audiologist may verify  
8 that:

9           1. The individual is still employed by a school district;

10           2. The certification required in subsection A of this section  
11 has been attained and has not lapsed; and

12           3. The individual is licensed to practice in this state.

13           C. An individual who qualifies for the bonus pursuant to this  
14 section and who is employed by a school district on less than a  
15 full-time basis, shall receive a pro-rated bonus based on the  
16 proportionate equivalency to full-time employment.

17           D. No school or school district shall be liable for payment of  
18 bonuses pursuant to this section. The bonus shall not be included  
19 in the calculation of salary for purposes of meeting the district or  
20 statutory minimum salary schedule or for purposes of calculating  
21 Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma contributions or benefits.

22           ~~E. The amount of the salary bonus pursuant to subsection A of~~  
23 ~~this section shall be increased to Seven Thousand Dollars~~

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1 ~~(\$7,000.00) upon implementation of subsection N of Section 6-204.2~~  
2 ~~of this title.~~

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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