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## DIGEST

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))