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## DIGEST

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HB No. 618

**Abstract:** Provides that certain educational diagnosticians who hold a valid La. teaching certificate, state educational diagnostician certification, and the Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician (NCED) credential may receive an annual salary supplement of \$5,000.

Proposed law provides that a full-time school educational diagnostician in a public school in La. shall qualify to receive a \$5,000 annual stipend if he meets the following criteria:

- (1) Holds a valid La. teaching certificate or ancillary certificate.
- (2) Is an educational diagnostician certified by the state Dept. of Education.
- (3) Holds a Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician credential issued by the National Certification for Educational Diagnosticians' Board.
- (4) Is employed by a school board to provide educational diagnostic services to students or to provide supervision to educational diagnosticians.

Provides that the initial supplement may be paid beginning in the school year immediately following the school year in which the credential is awarded if the employee submits appropriate documentation to the employing school board.

Provides that the salary supplement shall continue for a period not to exceed the term of the national credential as determined by the National Certification for Educational Diagnosticians' Board and shall continue without interruption as long as the educational diagnostician provides to the school board documentation of credential renewal by the National Certification for Educational Diagnosticians' Board.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:421.13)