
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 credential shall receive an annual salary supplement of \$5,000 when federal funds for this purpose are available.

Proposed law provides that a full-time school educational diagnostician in a public school shall receive, in addition to his regular salary, \$5,000 annually if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) He holds a valid La. teaching certificate or ancillary certificate.
- (2) He is an educational diagnostician certified by the state Dept. of Education.
- (3) He holds a Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician credential issued by the National Certification for Educational Diagnosticians' Board.
- (4) He is employed by a school board to provide educational diagnostic services to students or to provide supervision to educational diagnosticians.
- (5) Federal funds applied for this purpose by the local school system are available.

Provides that the initial supplement shall 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 board.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:421.13)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Adds as an additional condition on payment of the supplement that federal funds for this purpose be available.