

SHORT TITLE: Schools; amending the Teachers Minimum Salary Schedule; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE BILL NO. 775

By: Roberts

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 18-114.7, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 335, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 18-114.7), which relates to the Minimum Salary Schedule for teachers; modifying the Minimum Salary Schedule for teachers; stating legislative intent; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 18-114.7, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 335, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 18-114.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 18-114.7 A. Beginning with the ~~1997-98~~ 1998-99 school year, teachers in the public schools of Oklahoma shall receive in salary and/or fringe benefits not less than the amounts specified in the following schedule:

MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

Years of Experience	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree	Doctor's Degree
0	\$24,060 <u>\$25,000</u>	\$25,166 <u>\$26,106</u>	\$26,272 <u>\$27,212</u>
1	\$25,221 <u>\$25,430</u>	\$26,327 <u>\$26,536</u>	\$27,433 <u>\$27,642</u>
2	\$25,553 <u>\$25,860</u>	\$26,659 <u>\$26,966</u>	\$27,765 <u>\$28,072</u>
3	\$25,774 <u>\$26,290</u>	\$26,880 <u>\$27,396</u>	\$27,986 <u>\$28,502</u>

4	\$26,106	<u>\$26,720</u>	\$27,212	<u>\$27,826</u>	\$28,318	<u>\$28,932</u>
5	\$26,438	<u>\$27,150</u>	\$27,544	<u>\$28,256</u>	\$28,650	<u>\$29,362</u>
6	\$26,659	<u>\$27,580</u>	\$27,765	<u>\$28,686</u>	\$28,871	<u>\$29,792</u>
7	\$26,991	<u>\$28,010</u>	\$28,097	<u>\$29,116</u>	\$29,203	<u>\$30,222</u>
8	\$27,212	<u>\$28,440</u>	\$28,318	<u>\$29,546</u>	\$29,535	<u>\$30,652</u>
9	\$27,544	<u>\$28,870</u>	\$28,650	<u>\$29,976</u>	\$29,756	<u>\$31,082</u>
10	\$27,765	<u>\$29,300</u>	\$28,871	<u>\$30,406</u>	\$29,977	<u>\$31,512</u>
11	\$28,097	<u>\$29,730</u>	\$29,203	<u>\$30,836</u>	\$30,309	<u>\$31,942</u>
12	\$28,318	<u>\$30,160</u>	\$29,424	<u>\$31,266</u>	\$30,530	<u>\$32,372</u>
13	\$28,650	<u>\$30,590</u>	\$29,756	<u>\$31,696</u>	\$30,862	<u>\$32,802</u>
14	\$28,761	<u>\$31,020</u>	\$29,867	<u>\$32,126</u>	\$30,973	<u>\$33,232</u>
15	\$29,092	<u>\$31,450</u>	\$30,198	<u>\$32,556</u>	\$31,304	<u>\$33,662</u>
16	\$29,424	<u>\$31,880</u>	\$30,530	<u>\$32,986</u>	\$31,636	<u>\$34,092</u>
17	\$29,756	<u>\$32,310</u>	\$30,862	<u>\$33,416</u>	\$31,968	<u>\$34,522</u>
18	\$30,088	<u>\$32,740</u>	\$31,194	<u>\$33,846</u>	\$32,300	<u>\$34,952</u>
19	\$30,420	<u>\$33,170</u>	\$31,526	<u>\$34,276</u>	\$32,632	<u>\$35,382</u>
20	\$30,752	<u>\$33,600</u>	\$31,858	<u>\$34,706</u>	\$32,964	<u>\$35,812</u>
21	\$31,084	<u>\$34,030</u>	\$32,190	<u>\$35,136</u>	\$33,296	<u>\$36,242</u>
22	\$31,416	<u>\$34,460</u>	\$32,522	<u>\$35,566</u>	\$33,628	<u>\$36,672</u>
23	\$31,748	<u>\$34,890</u>	\$32,854	<u>\$35,996</u>	\$33,960	<u>\$37,102</u>
24	\$32,080	<u>\$35,320</u>	\$33,186	<u>\$36,426</u>	\$34,292	<u>\$37,532</u>
25	\$32,412	<u>\$35,750</u>	\$33,518	<u>\$36,856</u>	\$34,624	<u>\$37,962</u>

When determining the Minimum Salary Schedule, "fringe benefits" shall mean all or part of hospital or medical benefits, and sickness, accident, health or life insurance, and retirement benefits, excluding the contributions made pursuant to subsection A of Section 17-108.1 of this title. Any of the degrees referred to in this section shall be from a college recognized by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall accept teaching experience from out-of-state school districts that are accredited by the State Board of Education or appropriate state accrediting agency for said districts. For the purpose of state

salary increments and retirement, no teacher shall be granted credit for more than five (5) years' active duty in the military service, or out-of-state teaching experience as a certified teacher or its equivalent. Nothing in this section shall prohibit boards of education from crediting more years of experience on local salary schedules than those allowed for state purposes. The State Board of Education shall recognize, for purposes of certification and salary increments, the years of experience of a certified teacher who teaches in the Department of Corrections' educational program beginning with fiscal year 1981. The State Board of Education shall recognize for purposes of certification and salary increments the years of experience of a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor under the Department of Human Services if such counselor was employed as a certified teacher by the State Department of Education when the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation was transferred from the State Board for Vocational Education or the State Board of Education to the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission on July 1, 1968. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, it is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature to appropriate an additional fifteen percent (15%) above the cost associated with the adjustments in the salary schedule pursuant to this section due to increases in retirement benefits and other costs.

B. The State Board of Education shall recognize for purposes of certification and salary increments all of the years of experience a:

1. Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor completed while employed by the Department of Human Services if such counselor was certified as a teacher or was eligible for certification as a teacher in Oklahoma;

2. Certified teacher completed while employed by the Department of Human Services Child Study Center at University Hospital, if the teacher was certified as a teacher in Oklahoma; and

3. Certified school psychologist or psychometrist completed while employed as a doctoral intern, psychological assistant, or psychologist with any agency of the State of Oklahoma if such experience primarily involved work with persons of school or pre-school age and if such person was, at the time the experience was acquired, certified as, or eligible for certification as, a school psychologist or psychometrist.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1998.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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