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1 THE STATE SENATE  
2 Tuesday, February 27, 2001

3 Committee Substitute for  
4 Senate Bill No. 42

5 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 42 - By: CRUTCHFIELD of the  
6 Senate and HILLIARD of the House.

7 [ Oklahoma School for the Blind and the Oklahoma School for  
8 the Deaf - administration - minimum salary level -  
9 availability of funds - effective date -  
10 emergency ]

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1419, as  
13 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 269, O.S.L. 1995 (10 O.S. Supp.  
14 2000, Section 1419), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1419. A. The Commission for Rehabilitation Services  
16 shall establish and maintain such methods of administration,  
17 including methods relating to the establishment and maintenance of  
18 personnel standards, as are necessary for the proper and efficient  
19 administration of the Oklahoma School for the Blind and the Oklahoma  
20 School for the Deaf, and programs thereat; shall maintain records  
21 and reports, shall provide a uniform accounting system; and shall  
22 incur such expenses and make such expenditures as it deems necessary  
23 to maintain and operate such institutions.

24 B. The Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation  
25 Services shall, subject to the approval of the Commission, employ or

1 contract with qualified instructional personnel including, but not  
2 limited to, teachers, principals, directors of student assessment  
3 and program development, vocational teachers, career vocational  
4 coordinators, head school librarians, school psychologists, mental  
5 health counselors, school counselors, school psychometrists,  
6 occupational therapists, physical therapists, orientation and  
7 mobility specialists (OSB), speech services supervisors and speech  
8 language pathologists, and appoint or employ the superintendent and  
9 such other personnel, as the director deems necessary for the proper  
10 operation of each institution, and shall fix their duties and  
11 compensation. The superintendent, teachers and other employees  
12 shall be eligible for membership or participation in the Teachers'  
13 Retirement System of Oklahoma to the same extent and on the same  
14 basis as teachers and other employees of other state educational  
15 institutions and public schools.

16 C. The Commission shall promulgate personnel rules and  
17 establish policies similar to those applicable to public school  
18 district employees for those employees listed in subsection B of  
19 this section, including but not limited to leave and employment  
20 policies and a salary schedule. Contingent upon the availability of  
21 funds, the minimum salary level for qualified instructional  
22 personnel listed in subsection B of this section shall meet or  
23 exceed the minimum salary level provided for public school teachers

1 by state law. The Department shall be authorized to notify teachers  
2 and other personnel on or before April 10 of each year concerning  
3 the renewal of contracts.

4 ~~D. Those personnel listed in subsection B of this section who~~  
5 ~~have entered into contracts with or been employed by the Department~~  
6 ~~for Rehabilitation Services on or before July 1, 1995, in positions~~  
7 ~~listed in subsection B of this section shall be entitled to a salary~~  
8 ~~adjustment retroactive to February 16, 1995, or their first date of~~  
9 ~~employment in such positions, whichever is the later, pursuant to a~~  
10 ~~salary schedule adopted by the Commission.~~

11 ~~E.~~ D. Those personnel listed in subsection B of this section  
12 who have entered into contracts with the schools on or before July  
13 1, 1995, shall be entitled to longevity pay as provided in Section  
14 840-2.18 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

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

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-21-01 - DO  
21 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.