

SB 572

THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Senate Bill No. 572

SENATE BILL NO. 572 - By: FORD of the Senate and DANK of the House.

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 18-114.7, which relates to salary and/or fringe benefits for teachers; requiring certain experience be counted toward salary increments and retirement; 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. 2001, Section 18-114.7, is amended to read as follows:

Section 18-114.7 A. Beginning with the 2000-01 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	\$27,060	\$28,166	\$29,272
1	\$28,221	\$29,327	\$30,433
2	\$28,553	\$29,659	\$30,765
3	\$28,885	\$29,991	\$31,097
4	\$29,217	\$30,323	\$31,429
5	\$29,549	\$30,655	\$31,761

1	6	\$29,881	\$30,987	\$32,093
2	7	\$30,213	\$31,319	\$32,425
3	8	\$30,545	\$31,651	\$32,757
4	9	\$30,877	\$31,983	\$33,089
5	10	\$31,209	\$32,315	\$33,421
6	11	\$31,541	\$32,647	\$33,753
7	12	\$31,873	\$32,979	\$34,085
8	13	\$32,205	\$33,311	\$34,417
9	14	\$32,537	\$33,643	\$34,749
10	15	\$32,869	\$33,975	\$35,081
11	16	\$33,201	\$34,307	\$35,413
12	17	\$33,533	\$34,639	\$35,745
13	18	\$33,865	\$34,971	\$36,077
14	19	\$34,197	\$35,303	\$36,409
15	20	\$34,529	\$35,635	\$36,741
16	21	\$34,861	\$35,967	\$37,073
17	22	\$35,193	\$36,299	\$37,405
18	23	\$35,525	\$36,631	\$37,737
19	24	\$35,857	\$36,963	\$38,069
20	25	\$36,189	\$37,295	\$38,401

21 For the 2000-01 school year, any amounts received pursuant to
22 Section 1, Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2000, shall count towards the minimum
23 salary schedule established in this section for those teachers who

1 qualified for the salary increase under Section 1, Chapter 1, O.S.L.
2 2000.

3 When determining the Minimum Salary Schedule, "fringe benefits"
4 shall mean all or part of hospital or medical benefits, and
5 sickness, accident, health or life insurance, and retirement
6 benefits, excluding the contributions made pursuant to subsection A
7 of Section 17-108.1 of this title and the flexible benefit allowance
8 pursuant to Section 26-105 of this title from the flexible benefit
9 allowance funds disbursed by the State Board of Education and the
10 State Board of Career and Technology Education pursuant to Section
11 26-104 of this title. Any of the degrees referred to in this
12 section shall be from a college recognized by the State Board of
13 Education. The State Board of Education shall accept teaching
14 experience from out-of-state school districts that are accredited by
15 the State Board of Education or appropriate state accrediting agency
16 for said districts. For the purpose of state salary increments and
17 retirement, no teacher shall be granted credit for more than five
18 (5) years' active duty in the military service, or out-of-state
19 teaching experience as a certified teacher or its equivalent. For
20 the purpose of state salary increments and retirement, a teacher
21 shall be granted credit for all years of teaching experience at
22 public school districts in this state. Nothing in this section
23 shall prohibit boards of education from crediting more years of

1 experience on local salary schedules than those allowed for state
2 purposes. The State Board of Education shall recognize, for
3 purposes of certification and salary increments, the years of
4 experience of a certified teacher who teaches in the Department of
5 Corrections' educational program beginning with fiscal year 1981.
6 The State Board of Education shall recognize for purposes of
7 certification and salary increments the years of experience of a
8 Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor under the Department of Human
9 Services if such counselor was employed as a certified teacher by
10 the State Department of Education when the Division of Vocational
11 Rehabilitation was transferred from the State Board of Career and
12 Technology Education or the State Board of Education to the Oklahoma
13 Public Welfare Commission on July 1, 1968.

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

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

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

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

8 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to teachers
9 who have entered into postretirement employment with a public school
10 in Oklahoma and are still receiving a monthly retirement benefit.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

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

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-19-03 - DO
17 PASS, As Coauthored.