

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 2099

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,
8 Chapter 311, O.S.L. 2004 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section
9 6-206), which relates to bonus payments to school
10 psychologists, speech-language pathologists, and
11 audiologists; providing pro-rated bonus to certain
12 individuals; providing an effective date; and
13 declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 311, O.S.L.
16 2004 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 6-206), is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 Section 6-206. A. Subject to the availability of funds, the
19 State Board of Education shall provide an annual salary bonus in the
20 amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) no later than January 31
21 of each year to the following employees of public school districts:

22 1. Any school psychologist who has been designated as a
23 Nationally Certified School Psychologist by the National School
24 Psychology Certification Board; and

1 2. Any speech-language pathologist or audiologist who holds a
2 Certificate of Clinical Competence awarded by the American Speech-
3 Language Hearing Association.

4 B. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the
5 provision of the bonus pursuant to this ~~act~~ section to include, but
6 not be limited to, a process by which a nationally certified school
7 psychologist, speech-language pathologist and audiologist may verify
8 that:

9 1. The individual is still employed ~~full-time~~ by a school
10 district;

11 2. The certification required in subsection A of this section
12 has been attained and has not lapsed; and

13 3. The individual is licensed to practice in this state.

14 C. An individual who qualifies for the bonus pursuant to this
15 section and who is employed by a school district on less than a
16 full-time basis, shall receive a pro-rated bonus based on the
17 proportionate equivalency to full-time employment.

18 D. No school or school district shall be liable for payment of
19 bonuses pursuant to this section. The bonus shall not be included
20 in the calculation of salary for purposes of meeting the district or
21 statutory minimum salary schedule or for purposes of calculating
22 Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma contributions or benefits.

23 ~~D.~~ E. The amount of the salary bonus pursuant to subsection A
24 of this section shall be increased to Seven Thousand Dollars

1 (\$7,000.00) upon implementation of subsection N of Section 6-204.2
2 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

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

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