

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE BILL 1062

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,  
8 Chapter 311, O.S.L. 2004, as amended by Section 3,  
9 Chapter 186, O.S.L. 2008 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section  
10 6-206), which relates to annual bonuses for certain  
11 school employees; adding qualification eligibility;  
12 amending Section 2, Chapter 311, O.S.L. 2004 (70 O.S.  
13 Supp. 2008, Section 6-206.1), which relates to the  
14 creation of a revolving fund; revising revolving fund  
15 name; and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 311, O.S.L.  
18 2004, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 186, O.S.L. 2008 (70 O.S.  
19 Supp. 2008, Section 6-206), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 6-206. A. Subject to the availability of funds, the  
21 State Board of Education shall provide an annual salary bonus in the  
22 amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) no later than January 31  
23 of each year to the following employees of public school districts:  
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1           1. Any school psychologist who has been designated as a  
2 Nationally Certified School Psychologist by the National School  
3 Psychology Certification Board; ~~and~~

4           2. Any speech-language pathologist or audiologist who holds a  
5 Certificate of Clinical Competence awarded by the American Speech-  
6 Language Hearing Association; and

7           3. Any orientation and mobility instructor who is certified by  
8 the Academy for Certification of Visual Rehabilitation and Education  
9 Professionals.

10           B. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the  
11 provision of the bonus pursuant to this section to include, but not  
12 be limited to, a process by which a nationally certified school  
13 psychologist, speech-language pathologist and audiologist may verify  
14 that:

15           1. The individual is still employed by a school district;

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

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

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

23           D. No school or school district shall be liable for payment of  
24 bonuses pursuant to this section. The bonus shall not be included

1 in the calculation of salary for purposes of meeting the district or  
2 statutory minimum salary schedule or for purposes of calculating  
3 Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma contributions or benefits.

4 E. The amount of the salary bonus pursuant to subsection A of  
5 this section shall be increased to Seven Thousand Dollars  
6 (\$7,000.00) upon implementation of subsection N of Section 6-204.2  
7 of this title.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 311, O.S.L.  
9 2004 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 6-206.1), is amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 Section 6-206.1 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
12 revolving fund for the State Board of Education to be designated the  
13 "Oklahoma School Psychologist, Speech-Language Pathologist, ~~and~~  
14 Audiologist, and Orientation and Mobility Instructor National  
15 Certification Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund,  
16 not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all  
17 monies appropriated or transferred to the fund by the Legislature.  
18 All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby  
19 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the State Board of  
20 Education to provide an annual bonus for individuals meeting the  
21 requirements of Section ~~±~~ 6-206 of this ~~act~~ title. Expenditures  
22 from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State  
23 Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the  
24 Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

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SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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