

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1141

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Sections 6-206 and 6-206.1, as amended by Section 603, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 6-206.1), which relate to the annual salary bonus for school psychologists, speech-language pathologists and audiologists; deleting funding contingency language; deleting obsolete language; changing name of the Oklahoma School Psychologist, Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist National Certification Revolving Fund; 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. 2011, Section 6-206, is amended to read as follows:

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 ~~E. The amount of the salary bonus pursuant to subsection A of~~
2 ~~this section shall be increased to Seven Thousand Dollars~~
3 ~~(\$7,000.00) upon implementation of subsection N of Section 6-204.2~~
4 ~~of this title.~~

5 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-206.1, as
6 amended by Section 603, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp.
7 2014, Section 6-206.1), is amended to read as follows:

8 Section 6-206.1 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
9 revolving fund for the State Board of Education to be designated the
10 "Oklahoma School Psychologist, Speech-Language Pathologist, and
11 Audiologist National Certification ~~Revolving~~ Fund". The fund shall
12 be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and
13 shall consist of all monies appropriated or transferred to the fund
14 by the Legislature. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund
15 are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
16 State Board of Education to provide an annual bonus for individuals
17 meeting the requirements of Section 6-206 of this title.

18 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
19 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
20 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
21 approval and payment.

22 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

23 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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