

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 540

BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TEACHERS: Repeals deadlines by which school teachers, counselors, and psychologists must have earned national certification in order to qualify for specific salary adjustments

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:421.8(A) and to repeal R.S. 17:421.6(C) and 421.9(G),
3 relative to salary adjustments for certain school personnel; to repeal certain
4 provisions of law relative to limitations on salary adjustments for school teachers,
5 counselors, and psychologists; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:421.8(A) is hereby amended and reenacted as follows:

8 §421.8. Supplements to salaries of school counselors having certain certificates
9 issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors

10 A. Effective for the 2001-2002 school year and thereafter, a full-time school
11 counselor who holds both a valid Louisiana counseling credential approved and
12 issued by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and a National
13 Certified School Counselor credential issued by the National Board for Certified
14 Counselors and who is employed by a school board to provide services to students
15 shall receive from the school board, in addition to annual salary, an annual amount
16 of five thousand dollars with such additional amount to be distributed in the same
17 manner as the annual salary. ~~To receive the salary supplement provided by this~~
18 ~~Section, an otherwise eligible person shall have been awarded the initial credential~~
19 ~~issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors prior to July 1, 2013.~~

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Section 2. R.S. 17:421.6(C) and 421.9(G) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes a deadline for school teachers, counselors, and psychologists to receive professional credentials in order to qualify for a stipend.

Present law relative to school teachers, counselors, and psychologists who have appropriate credentials from the state of La. and a national board, provides for an annual salary supplement, more specifically as follows:

- (1) Teachers with a certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards are eligible for an annual amount not less than \$5,000.
- (2) School counselors with a National Certified School Counselor credential issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors are eligible for an annual amount of \$5,000.
- (3) School psychologists with a National Certified School Psychologist credential issued by the National School Psychology Certification Board are eligible for an annual amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Present law provides that all such salary supplements are subject to appropriation of funds for the purpose and provides for reimbursement of the appropriate school board by the Dept. of Education from appropriated funds.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires initial receipt of the applicable certificate or credential by July 1, 2013, for any individual to be eligible for the salary supplement. Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:421.8(A); Repeals R.S. 17:421.6(C) and 421.9(G))