

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 618

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:421.13, relative to educational diagnosticians; to provide for a salary
3 supplement for certain public school educational diagnosticians who have acquired
4 certification by the National Certification of Educational Diagnosticians Board; to
5 provide conditions and guidelines for receiving the supplement; to provide
6 conditions; to provide definitions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:421.13 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §421.13. Supplements to salaries of school educational diagnosticians having
11 certain credentials issued by the National Certification of Educational
12 Diagnosticians Board

13 A. A full-time school educational diagnostician who holds a valid Louisiana
14 teaching certificate or ancillary certificate, an educational diagnostician certification
15 approved and issued by the state Department of Education, and a Nationally
16 Certified Educational Diagnostician credential issued by the National Certification
17 of Educational Diagnosticians Board and who is employed by a school board to
18 provide educational diagnostic services to students or to provide supervision of any
19 kind to educational diagnosticians shall receive from the school board, in addition
20 to an annual salary, an annual amount of five thousand dollars when federal funds
21 applied for this purpose by the local school system are available for distribution in
22 the same manner as the annual salary.

1 B.(1) Any educational diagnostician who meets the requirements of
 2 Subsection A of this Section and who has been verified to have been awarded the
 3 Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician credential issued by the National
 4 Certification of Educational Diagnosticians Board shall be paid the initial
 5 supplement beginning in the school year immediately following the school year in
 6 which he is awarded the credential if he submits appropriate documentation to the
 7 employing school board.

8 (2) The school board shall maintain documentation indicating the number
 9 of nationally certified educational diagnosticians employed by the school board who
 10 are receiving the supplement.

11 C. A school board shall budget, receive, and expend federal funds that are
 12 or may be allocated to implement the provisions of this Section.

13 D. In addition to any other requirements of this Section, to receive the salary
 14 supplement provided by this Section for the fall school term of the 2014-2015 school
 15 year, an otherwise eligible person shall have been awarded the initial credential
 16 issued by the National Certification of Educational Diagnosticians Board before July
 17 1, 2013, and shall provide documentation of validity to the school board prior to
 18 September 1, 2013.

19 E. The salary supplement of any educational diagnostician authorized by this
 20 Section shall continue for a period not to exceed the term of the national credential
 21 as determined by the National Certification of Educational Diagnosticians Board;
 22 however, such supplement shall continue in effect without interruption as long as the
 23 educational diagnostician provides to the school board documentation of credential
 24 renewal by the National Certification of Educational Diagnosticians Board.

25 F. For the purposes of this Section, "school board" shall mean the governing
 26 authority of any city, parish, or other local public elementary or secondary school.

27 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 28 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 29 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____