

Regular Session, 2013
HOUSE BILL NO. 540
BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES

ACT No. 319

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

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:421.6(C), 421.8(A), and 421.9(G) are hereby amended and reenacted as follows:

§421.6. Adjustments in salaries of teachers having certificates issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

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C. In addition to any other requirements of this Section, to receive the salary adjustment provided by this Section, an otherwise eligible person shall have been awarded the initial certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards prior to July 1, 2013. However, the employing school board may, but shall not be required to, pay the additional amount to an otherwise eligible person who was awarded the initial credential issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards on or after July 1, 2013.

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1 §421.8. Supplements to salaries of school counselors having certain certificates
2 issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors

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

13 (2) To receive the salary supplement provided by this Section, an otherwise
14 eligible person shall have been awarded the initial credential issued by the National
15 Board for Certified Counselors prior to July 1, 2013. However, the employing
16 school board may, but shall not be required to, pay the additional amount to an
17 otherwise eligible person who was awarded the initial credential issued by the
18 National Board for Certified Counselors on or after July 1, 2013.

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20 §421.9. Supplements to salaries of school psychologists having certain credentials
21 issued by the National School Psychology Certification Board

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23 G. In addition to any other requirements of this Section, to receive the salary
24 adjustment provided by this Section, an otherwise eligible person shall be awarded
25 the initial credential issued by the National School Psychology Certification Board
26 prior to July 1, 2013. However, the employing school board may, but shall not be
27 required to, pay the additional amount to an otherwise eligible person who was
28 awarded the initial credential issued by the National School Psychology
29 Certification Board on or after July 1, 2013. This Subsection is enacted to determine
30 if the salary adjustment will attract and retain full-time school psychologists who

1 hold a valid ancillary certificate approved and issued by the state Department of
2 Education.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____