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HOUSE BILL NO. 468

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

SCHOOLS/EMPLOYEES: Provides eligibility for sabbatical leave for certified school nurses, audiologists, educational diagnosticians, and speech-language pathologists employed by state special schools and by city, parish, and other local public school systems

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:46(A)(1)(b) and 1170, relative to school employees; to
3 provide eligibility for sabbatical leaves to certified school nurses, audiologists,
4 educational diagnosticians, and speech-language pathologists employed by state
5 special schools and by city, parish, and other local public school systems; to provide
6 for limitations on such eligibility with respect to fiscal conditions; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:46(A)(1)(b) and 1170 are hereby amended and reenacted to read
10 as follows:

11 §46. Sabbatical leave program

12 A.(1)

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14 (b) As used in this Subpart, the words "teacher" or "teaching staff" shall
15 include any social worker, guidance counselor, school nurse, audiologist, educational
16 diagnostician, speech-language pathologist, or school psychologist employed by a
17 special school who holds, ~~as applicable, a~~ the appropriate valid professional ancillary
18 certificate ~~in school social work, guidance counseling, or school psychology~~ issued
19 by the state Department of Education.

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CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1 §1170. Definitions

2 As used in this Subpart, the words "teacher" or "teaching staff" shall include
 3 any person employed by a city, parish, or other local public school board in the state
 4 of Louisiana who holds a valid teaching certificate issued by the state Department
 5 of Education and any social worker, guidance counselor, school nurse, audiologist,
 6 educational diagnostician, speech-language pathologist, or school psychologist
 7 employed by a city, parish, or other local public school board in the state who holds;
 8 ~~as applicable, a~~ the appropriate valid professional ancillary certificate ~~in school~~
 9 ~~social work, guidance counseling, or school psychology~~ issued by the state
 10 Department of Education.

11 Section 2. School nurses, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and
 12 educational diagnosticians shall be eligible for leave as provided in R.S. 17:46(A)(1)(b) and
 13 1170 only in a fiscal year for which the amount of the state and local base per pupil cost
 14 determination, as established in the minimum foundation program formula most recently
 15 approved by the legislature, is increased at least two and three quarters percent over the
 16 amount established for the previous fiscal year.

 DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds certified school nurses, audiologists, educational diagnosticians, and speech-language pathologists to list of school employees eligible for sabbatical leave.

Present law provides that certain teaching staff of the state special schools or of city, parish, or other local public school boards are eligible for sabbatical leave. Includes social workers, guidance counselors, and school psychologists holding valid professional ancillary certificates issued by the state Dept. of Education. Proposed law adds school nurses, audiologists, educational diagnosticians, and speech-language pathologists who hold such certificates to the list of eligible employees but limits their eligibility to a fiscal year for which the amount of the state and local base per pupil cost determination, as established in the minimum foundation program (MFP) formula most recently approved by the legislature, is increased at least 2.75% over the amount established for the previous fiscal year.

(Amends R.S. 17:46(A)(1)(b) and 1170)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Adds audiologists, educational diagnosticians, and speech-language pathologists to the list of school employees eligible for sabbatical leave.
2. Limits sabbatical eligibility of all employees added by proposed law to fiscal years that meet certain conditions.