

Regular Session, 2013

# ACT No. 393

HOUSE BILL NO. 618

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

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

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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