

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1692

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 6-206, which relates to providing an annual
9 salary bonus for certain positions; removing certain
10 position eligible for annual salary bonus; amending
11 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-206.1, as amended by Section
12 603, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014,
13 Section 6-206.1), which relates to a national
14 certification revolving fund; updating statutory
15 language; and providing an effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-206, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 6-206. A. Subject to the availability of funds, the
20 State Board of Education shall provide an annual salary bonus in the
21 amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) no later than January 31
22 of each year to the following employees of public school districts:

23 1. Any school psychologist who has been designated as a
24 Nationally Certified School Psychologist by the National School
Psychology Certification Board; and

1 2. Any ~~speech-language pathologist or~~ audiologist who holds a
2 Certificate of Clinical Competence awarded by the American Speech-
3 Language Hearing Association.

4 B. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the
5 provision of the bonus pursuant to this section to include, but not
6 be limited to, a process by which a nationally certified school
7 psychologist, ~~speech-language pathologist~~ and audiologist may verify
8 that:

- 9 1. The individual is still employed by a school district;
- 10 2. The certification required in subsection A of this section
11 has been attained and has not lapsed; and
- 12 3. The individual is licensed to practice in this state.

13 C. An individual who qualifies for the bonus pursuant to this
14 section and who is employed by a school district on less than a
15 full-time basis, shall receive a pro-rated bonus based on the
16 proportionate equivalency to full-time employment.

17 D. No school or school district shall be liable for payment of
18 bonuses pursuant to this section. The bonus shall not be included
19 in the calculation of salary for purposes of meeting the district or
20 statutory minimum salary schedule or for purposes of calculating
21 Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma contributions or benefits.

22 E. The amount of the salary bonus pursuant to subsection A of
23 this section shall be increased to Seven Thousand Dollars
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1 (\$7,000.00) upon implementation of subsection N of Section 6-204.2
2 of this title.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-206.1, as
4 amended by Section 603, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp.
5 2014, Section 6-206.1), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 6-206.1 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
7 revolving fund for the State Board of Education to be designated the
8 "Oklahoma School Psychologist, ~~Speech-Language Pathologist,~~ and
9 Audiologist National Certification Revolving Fund". The fund shall
10 be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and
11 shall consist of all monies appropriated or transferred to the fund
12 by the Legislature. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund
13 are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
14 State Board of Education to provide an annual bonus for individuals
15 meeting the requirements of Section 6-206 of this title.
16 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
17 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
18 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
19 approval and payment.

20 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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