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Short Title: Compensation of Certain School Employees.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL  
3 EMPLOYEES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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6 **PART I. TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE**

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** The following monthly teacher salary schedule shall apply for the  
8 2020-2021 fiscal year to licensed personnel of the public schools who are classified as teachers.  
9 The salary schedule is based on years of teaching experience.

10 **2020-2021 Teacher Monthly Salary Schedule**

11	Years of Experience	"A" Teachers
12	0	\$3,500
13	1	\$3,600
14	2	\$3,700
15	3	\$3,800
16	4	\$3,900
17	5	\$4,000
18	6	\$4,100
19	7	\$4,200
20	8	\$4,300
21	9	\$4,400
22	10	\$4,500
23	11	\$4,600
24	12	\$4,700
25	13	\$4,800
26	14	\$4,900
27	15-24	\$5,000
28	25+	\$5,200.

29 **SECTION 1.(b)** Salary Supplements for Teachers Paid on This Salary Schedule. –

- 30 (1) Licensed teachers who have NBPTS certification shall receive a salary  
31 supplement each month of twelve percent (12%) of their monthly salary on  
32 the "A" salary schedule.
- 33 (2) Licensed teachers who are classified as "M" teachers shall receive a salary  
34 supplement each month of ten percent (10%) of their monthly salary on the  
35 "A" salary schedule.



1 (3) Licensed teachers with licensure based on academic preparation at the  
2 six-year degree level shall receive a salary supplement of one hundred  
3 twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month in addition to the supplement provided  
4 to them as "M" teachers.

5 (4) Licensed teachers with licensure based on academic preparation at the  
6 doctoral degree level shall receive a salary supplement of two hundred  
7 fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month in addition to the supplement provided  
8 to them as "M" teachers.

9 (5) Certified school nurses shall receive a salary supplement each month of ten  
10 percent (10%) of their monthly salary on the "A" salary schedule.

11 **SECTION 1.(c)** The first step of the salary schedule for (i) school psychologists, (ii)  
12 school speech pathologists who are licensed as speech pathologists at the master's degree level  
13 or higher, and (iii) school audiologists who are licensed as audiologists at the master's degree  
14 level or higher shall be equivalent to the sixth step of the "A" salary schedule. These employees  
15 shall receive a salary supplement each month of ten percent (10%) of their monthly salary and  
16 are eligible to receive salary supplements equivalent to those of teachers for academic preparation  
17 at the six-year degree level or the doctoral degree level.

18 **SECTION 1.(d)** The twenty-sixth step of the salary schedule for (i) school  
19 psychologists, (ii) school speech pathologists who are licensed as speech pathologists at the  
20 master's degree level or higher, and (iii) school audiologists who are licensed as audiologists at  
21 the master's degree level or higher shall be seven and one-half percent (7.5%) higher than the  
22 salary received by these same employees on the twenty-fifth step of the salary schedule.

23 **SECTION 1.(e)** Beginning with the 2014-2015 fiscal year, in lieu of providing  
24 annual longevity payments to teachers paid on the teacher salary schedule, the amounts of those  
25 longevity payments are included in the monthly amounts under the teacher salary schedule.

26 **SECTION 1.(f)** A teacher compensated in accordance with this salary schedule for  
27 the 2020-2021 school year shall receive an amount equal to the greater of the following:

28 (1) The applicable amount on the salary schedule for the applicable school year.

29 (2) For teachers who were eligible for longevity for the 2013-2014 school year,  
30 the sum of the following:

31 a. The salary the teacher received in the 2013-2014 school year pursuant  
32 to Section 35.11 of S.L. 2013-360.

33 b. The longevity that the teacher would have received under the longevity  
34 system in effect for the 2013-2014 school year provided in Section  
35 35.11 of S.L. 2013-360 based on the teacher's current years of service.

36 c. The annual bonus provided in Section 9.1(e) of S.L. 2014-100.

37 (3) For teachers who were not eligible for longevity for the 2013-2014 school  
38 year, the sum of the salary and annual bonus the teacher received in the  
39 2014-2015 school year pursuant to Section 9.1 of S.L. 2014-100.

40 **SECTION 1.(g)** As used in this section, the term "teacher" shall also include  
41 instructional support personnel.

## 42 **PART II. TEACHER BONUSES**

43 **SECTION 2.(a)** No later than October 31, 2020, the Department of Public  
44 Instruction shall administer a one-time, lump sum bonus of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00)  
45 to every teacher who, as of October 1, 2020, is employed as a teacher in a qualifying public  
46 school unit.

47 **SECTION 2.(b)** As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply:

48 (1) Teacher. – Teachers and instructional support personnel.

49 (2) Qualifying public school unit. – Any of the following:

50 a. A local school administrative unit.  
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- b. A charter school.
- c. A regional school.
- d. An innovative school.
- e. A laboratory school under Article 29A of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes.

**SECTION 2.(c)** The bonuses awarded pursuant to this section shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher receives or is scheduled to receive.

**SECTION 2.(d)** Notwithstanding G.S. 135-1(7a), the bonuses awarded pursuant to this section are not compensation under Article 1 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes, Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees.

**SECTION 2.(e)** For charter schools, regional schools, innovative schools, and laboratory schools, the Department of Public Instruction shall allocate funds for the bonuses provided pursuant to this section on the basis of the funded average daily membership of each school.

**SECTION 2.(f)** The bonuses awarded pursuant to this section do not apply to any teacher no longer employed as a teacher due to resignation, dismissal, reduction in force, death, or retirement or whose last workday is prior to October 1, 2020.

**SECTION 2.(g)** It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds provided pursuant to this section will supplement teacher compensation and not supplant local funds.

**SECTION 2.(h)** For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, funds appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for the following bonus programs shall instead be used for bonuses for teachers in accordance with subsections (a) through (g) of this section:

- (1) The Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/Cambridge AICE Teacher Bonus Program provided in Section 8.8 of S.L. 2016-94, as amended by Section 8.8B of S.L. 2017-57, Section 2.10 of S.L. 2017-97, and Section 8.10 of S.L. 2018-5.
- (2) The Industry Certifications and Credentials Teacher Bonus Program provided in Section 8.9 of S.L. 2016-94, as amended by Section 8.8B of S.L. 2017-57, Section 2.10 of S.L. 2017-97, and Section 8.10 of S.L. 2018-5.
- (3) The Third Grade Read to Achieve Teacher Bonus Program provided in Section 8.8C of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 2.10 of S.L. 2017-97 and Section 8.10 of S.L. 2018-5.
- (4) The Fourth and Fifth Grade Reading Teacher Bonus Program provided in Section 8.8D of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 8.11 of S.L. 2018-5.
- (5) The Fourth to Eighth Grade Math Teacher Bonus Program provided in Section 8.8E of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 8.12 of S.L. 2018-5.

**SECTION 2.(i)** For the 2021-2022 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years, it is the intent of the General Assembly to reauthorize bonuses for teachers based on the criteria used in the programs identified in subdivisions (1) through (5) of subsection (h) of this section.

### **PART III. ADDITIONAL BONUSES ENCOURAGED FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES**

**SECTION 3.(a)** For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, in recognition of additional instructional days needed for the 2020-2021 school year due to the coronavirus disease 2019 and the five additional instructional days required pursuant to Section 2.11(b) of S.L. 2020-3, the General Assembly encourages the Governor to allocate funds from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund to provide a one-time, lump sum bonus of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for each person employed in the public schools who is classified as one of the following:

- (1) Teacher.
- (2) Instructional support personnel.
- (3) Noncertified personnel.



1 does not have a school growth score from any of the school years identified in this subsection,  
2 the most recent available growth scores, up to the 2018-2019 school year, shall be used.

3 **SECTION 4.(d)** Beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year, in lieu of providing  
4 annual longevity payments to principals paid on the principal salary schedule, the amounts of  
5 those longevity payments are included in the annual amounts under the principal salary schedule.

6 **SECTION 4.(e)** A principal compensated in accordance with this section for the  
7 2020-2021 fiscal year shall receive an amount equal to the greater of the following:

- 8 (1) The applicable amount on the salary schedule for the applicable year.
- 9 (2) For principals who were eligible for longevity in the 2016-2017 fiscal year,  
10 the sum of the following:
  - 11 a. The salary the principal received in the 2016-2017 fiscal year pursuant  
12 to Section 9.1 or Section 9.2 of S.L. 2016-94.
  - 13 b. The longevity that the principal would have received as provided for  
14 State employees under the North Carolina Human Resources Act for  
15 the 2016-2017 fiscal year based on the principal's current years of  
16 service.
- 17 (3) For principals who were not eligible for longevity in the 2016-2017 fiscal  
18 year, the salary the principal received in the 2016-2017 fiscal year pursuant to  
19 Section 9.1 or Section 9.2 of S.L. 2016-94.

## 20 **PART V. PRINCIPAL BONUSES**

21 **SECTION 5.(a)** As used in this section, the term "qualifying principal" shall refer to  
22 a principal who meets all of the following criteria:

- 23 (1) Received a bonus in the 2019-2020 fiscal year pursuant to Section 2.4 of S.L.  
24 2019-247.
- 25 (2) Is employed as a principal in a public school as of October 1, 2020.

26 **SECTION 5.(b)** No later than October 31, 2020, the Department of Public  
27 Instruction shall administer a one-time, lump sum bonus to any qualifying principal that is equal  
28 to the amount that qualifying principal received pursuant to Section 2.4 of S.L. 2019-247.

29 **SECTION 5.(c)** The bonuses awarded pursuant to this section shall be in addition to  
30 any regular wage or other bonuses the principal receives or is scheduled to receive.

31 **SECTION 5.(d)** Notwithstanding G.S. 135-1(7a), the bonuses awarded pursuant to  
32 this section are not compensation under Article 1 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes,  
33 Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees.

34 **SECTION 5.(e)** The bonuses awarded pursuant to this section do not apply to any  
35 principal no longer employed as a principal due to resignation, dismissal, reduction in force,  
36 death, or retirement or whose last workday is prior to October 1, 2020.

37 **SECTION 5.(f)** It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds provided pursuant  
38 to this section will supplement principal compensation and not supplant local funds.

## 39 **PART VI. ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SALARIES**

40 **SECTION 6.(a)** For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2020, assistant  
41 principals shall receive a monthly salary based on the salary schedule for teachers who are  
42 classified as "A" teachers plus nineteen percent (19%). An assistant principal shall be placed on  
43 the step on the salary schedule that reflects the total number of years of experience as a certified  
44 employee of the public schools. For purposes of this section, an administrator with a one-year  
45 provisional assistant principal's certificate shall be considered equivalent to an assistant principal.

46 **SECTION 6.(b)** Assistant principals with certification based on academic  
47 preparation at the six-year degree level shall be paid a salary supplement of one hundred  
48 twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month and at the doctoral degree level shall be paid a salary  
49 supplement of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month.  
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1           **SECTION 6.(c)** Participants in an approved full-time master's in school  
2 administration program shall receive up to a 10-month stipend at the beginning salary of an  
3 assistant principal during the internship period of the master's program. The stipend shall not  
4 exceed the difference between the beginning salary of an assistant principal plus the cost of  
5 tuition, fees, and books and any fellowship funds received by the intern as a full-time student,  
6 including awards of the Principal Fellows Program. The Principal Fellows Program or the school  
7 of education where the intern participates in a full-time master's in school administration program  
8 shall supply the Department of Public Instruction with certification of eligible full-time interns.

9           **SECTION 6.(d)** Beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year, in lieu of providing  
10 annual longevity payments to assistant principals on the assistant principal salary schedule, the  
11 amounts of those longevity payments are included in the monthly amounts provided to assistant  
12 principals pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

13           **SECTION 6.(e)** An assistant principal compensated in accordance with this section  
14 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year shall receive an amount equal to the greater of the following:

- 15           (1) The applicable amount on the salary schedule for the applicable year.
- 16           (2) For assistant principals who were eligible for longevity in the 2016-2017 fiscal  
17 year, the sum of the following:
  - 18           a. The salary the assistant principal received in the 2016-2017 fiscal year  
19 pursuant to Section 9.1 or Section 9.2 of S.L. 2016-94.
  - 20           b. The longevity that the assistant principal would have received as  
21 provided for State employees under the North Carolina Human  
22 Resources Act for the 2016-2017 fiscal year based on the assistant  
23 principal's current years of service.
- 24           (3) For assistant principals who were not eligible for longevity in the 2016-2017  
25 fiscal year, the salary the assistant principal received in the 2016-2017 fiscal  
26 year pursuant to Section 9.1 or Section 9.2 of S.L. 2016-94.

## 27 28 **PART VII. STATE AGENCY TEACHERS**

29           **SECTION 7.** Employees of schools operated by the Department of Health and  
30 Human Services, the Department of Public Safety, and the State Board of Education who are  
31 paid on the Teacher Salary Schedule shall be paid as authorized under this act.  
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## 33 **PART VIII. APPROPRIATION AND ADJUSTMENT FOR AVERAGE PUBLIC** 34 **SCHOOL EMPLOYEE SALARIES**

35           **SECTION 8.1.(a)** Section 3.15(e) of S.L. 2019-209 reads as rewritten:

36           "**SECTION 3.15.(e)** Effective July 1, 2020, the maximum annual employer contributions,  
37 payable monthly, by the State for each covered employee or retiree for the 2020-2021 fiscal year  
38 to the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees are (i) for Medicare-eligible  
39 employees and retirees, five thousand ~~one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$5,165)~~ twenty-one dollars  
40 (\$5,021) and (ii) for non-Medicare-eligible employees and retirees, six thousand ~~six hundred~~  
41 ~~forty-seven dollars (\$6,647)~~ four hundred sixty-one dollars (\$6,461)."

42           **SECTION 8.1.(b)** If House Bill 1218, 2020 Regular Session, becomes law, then  
43 subsection (a) of this section is repealed.

44           **SECTION 8.1.(c)** If House Bill 1218, 2020 Regular Session, becomes law, then  
45 Section 3.15(e) of S.L. 2019-209, as amended by Section 1(d) of House Bill 1218, 2020 Regular  
46 Session, reads as rewritten:

47           "**SECTION 3.15.(e)** Effective July 1, 2020, the maximum annual employer contributions,  
48 payable monthly, by the State for each covered employee or retiree for the 2020-2021 fiscal year  
49 to the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees are (i) for Medicare-eligible  
50 employees and retirees, ~~five thousand sixty-one dollars (\$5,061)~~ four thousand nine hundred

1 sixteen dollars (\$4,916) and (ii) for non-Medicare-eligible employees and retirees, six thousand  
2 five hundred twelve dollars (\$6,512).three hundred twenty-six dollars (\$6,326)."

3 **SECTION 8.2.** No later than August 15, 2020, the Office of State Budget and  
4 Management shall adjust the appropriations for State Health Plan contributions of all applicable  
5 agencies, departments, or institutions to reflect the changes implemented in Section 8.1 of this  
6 act, representing a decrease in General Fund net appropriations totaling forty-seven million two  
7 hundred twenty-seven thousand seven hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$47,227,728) in recurring  
8 funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. It is the intent of the General Assembly to restore employer  
9 contribution rates for Retiree Health and to the State Health Plan to the amounts in S.L. 2019-209,  
10 as originally enacted on August 30, 2019, in the event the federal government provides additional  
11 relief funds or additional flexibility on existing relief funds that can be used to support the  
12 General Fund.

13 **SECTION 8.3.** Before August 15, 2020, the State Controller shall transfer the sum  
14 of eight million nine hundred forty-two thousand three hundred seventy-six dollars (\$8,942,376)  
15 in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year from the IT Reserve Fund (Budget Code:  
16 24667) to the Department of Public Instruction. The funds transferred pursuant to this section are  
17 appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction, in addition to the funds appropriated from  
18 the General Fund in Section 8.4 of this Part, for the purposes identified in Section 8.4 of this Part.

19 **SECTION 8.4.** From the funds made available pursuant to this Part, there is  
20 appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of  
21 forty-seven million two hundred twenty-seven thousand seven hundred twenty-eight dollars  
22 (\$47,227,728) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, in addition to the funds  
23 appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction in Section 8.3 of this Part, to reflect an  
24 increase in the average salary of various public school employee positions.

## 25 **PART IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

26 **SECTION 9.(a)** The provisions of the State Budget Act, Chapter 143C of the  
27 General Statutes, are reenacted and shall remain in full force and effect and are incorporated in  
28 this act by reference.

29 **SECTION 9.(b)** Except where expressly repealed or amended by this act, the  
30 provisions of any other legislation enacted during the 2019 Regular Session of the General  
31 Assembly expressly appropriating funds to an agency, a department, or an institution covered  
32 under this act shall remain in effect.

33 **SECTION 9.(c)** Departmental receipts, as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1, are  
34 appropriated for the 2020-2021 fiscal year up to the amounts needed to implement the provisions  
35 in this act for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

## 36 **PART X. EFFECTIVE DATE**

37 **SECTION 10.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2020.  
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