

1 AN ACT relating to speech-language pathologists or audiologists, and making an
2 appropriation therefor.

3 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

4 ➔Section 1. KRS 157.397 is amended to read as follows:

5 Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary:

6 (1) (a) ~~[If funds are appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose,]~~A local
7 board of education shall provide an annual salary supplement to all speech-
8 language pathologists or audiologists:

9 1. Who are employed by the local board of education to provide or
10 coordinate speech-language pathology or audiology services for
11 students; and

12 2. Who hold:

13 a. i. A certificate of clinical competence issued by the American
14 Speech-Language Hearing Association; or

15 ii. Board certification from the American Board of
16 Audiology; and

17 b. i. A valid Kentucky credential approved and issued by the
18 Education Professional Standards Board under KRS
19 Chapter 161; or

20 ii. A license approved and issued by the Kentucky Board of
21 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology under KRS
22 Chapter 334A.

23 (b) The salary supplement shall be in the same amount as the salary supplement
24 provided to a public school teacher who has attained certification from the
25 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as provided in KRS
26 157.395.~~[If the amount appropriated by the General Assembly is less than the~~
27 ~~amount necessary to meet the requirements of this paragraph, the salary~~

1 supplement received by each qualified speech-language pathologist or
 2 audiologist shall be reduced proportionately by the Department of Education
 3 so that all eligible individuals receive the same amount as a supplement.]

4 (c) The supplement shall remain available to a speech-language pathologist or
 5 audiologist so long as ~~funds are appropriated for this purpose by the General~~
 6 ~~Assembly, and~~ the speech-language pathologist or audiologist continues to
 7 meet the requirements established by this subsection. The supplement shall
 8 cease if the speech-language pathologist or audiologist is employed in another
 9 capacity by the local board where the provision of speech-language pathology
 10 or audiology services is incidental to his or her other duties.

11 (d) **When funds are appropriated by the General Assembly for the supplement,**
 12 the Department of Education shall:

- 13 1. Determine how many speech-language pathologists and audiologists
- 14 qualify for the supplement each year;
- 15 2. Determine the amount of the supplement available each year for each
- 16 qualified speech-language pathologist and audiologist based on
- 17 appropriated funds available;
- 18 3. Notify each local board of education of the supplement amount available
- 19 to each qualifying speech-language pathologist and audiologist employed
- 20 by the local board of education; and
- 21 4. Develop a process for payment to local boards of education of
- 22 supplement amounts due; **and**

23 (2) ~~If funds are not appropriated by the General Assembly to support the salary~~
 24 ~~supplement established by subsection (1) of this section, a local board of education~~
 25 ~~may provide an annual salary supplement under the conditions established by~~
 26 ~~subsection (1) of this section using the resources available to the local board of~~
 27 ~~education; and~~

1 ~~(3)~~—The supplement authorized by this section shall be considered in the calculation for
2 contribution to the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System.