

1 AN ACT relating to speech-language pathologists or audiologists.

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

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

4 Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary:

5 (1) (a) ***When funds are appropriated by the General Assembly for an annual salary***  
 6 ***supplement for speech-language pathologists or audiologists, the***  
 7 ***Department of Education shall:***

8 ***1. Determine how many speech-language pathologists and audiologists***  
 9 ***qualify for the supplement each year;***

10 ***2. Determine the amount of the supplement available each year for each***  
 11 ***qualified speech-language pathologist and audiologist based on***  
 12 ***appropriated funds available;***

13 ***3. Notify each local board of education of the supplement amount***  
 14 ***available to each qualifying speech-language pathologist and***  
 15 ***audiologist employed by the local board of education; and***

16 ***4. Develop a process for payment to local boards of education of***  
 17 ***supplement amounts due.***

18 **(b)** ~~[If funds are appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose,]~~A local  
 19 board of education shall provide an annual salary supplement to all speech-  
 20 language pathologists or audiologists:

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

24 2. Who hold:

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

27 ii. Board certification from the American Board of

- 1                                   Audiology; and
- 2                   b.    i.    A valid Kentucky credential approved and issued by the
- 3                                   Education Professional Standards Board under KRS
- 4                                   Chapter 161; or
- 5                                   ii.   A license approved and issued by the Kentucky Board of
- 6                                   Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology under KRS
- 7                                   Chapter 334A.

8       ~~(c)(b)~~    The salary supplement shall be in the same amount as the salary  
9                    supplement provided to a public school teacher who has attained certification  
10                   from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as provided in  
11                   KRS 157.395.~~[If the amount appropriated by the General Assembly is less~~  
12                   ~~than the amount necessary to meet the requirements of this paragraph, the~~  
13                   ~~salary supplement received by each qualified speech language pathologist or~~  
14                   ~~audiologist shall be reduced proportionately by the Department of Education~~  
15                   ~~so that all eligible individuals receive the same amount as a supplement.]~~

16       ~~(d)(e)~~    The supplement shall remain available to a speech-language pathologist  
17                    or audiologist so long as~~[ funds are appropriated for this purpose by the~~  
18                   ~~General Assembly, and]~~ the speech-language pathologist or audiologist  
19                    continues to meet the requirements established by this subsection. The  
20                    supplement shall cease if the speech-language pathologist or audiologist is  
21                    employed in another capacity by the local board where the provision of  
22                    speech-language pathology or audiology services is incidental to his or her  
23                    other duties; and~~[.]~~

- 24       ~~(d) The Department of Education shall:~~
- 25       ~~1. Determine how many speech language pathologists and audiologists~~  
26                   ~~qualify for the supplement each year;~~
  - 27       ~~2. Determine the amount of the supplement available each year for each~~

- 1                   ~~qualified speech language pathologist and audiologist based on~~
- 2                   ~~appropriated funds available;~~
- 3                   ~~3. Notify each local board of education of the supplement amount available~~
- 4                   ~~to each qualifying speech language pathologist and audiologist~~
- 5                   ~~employed by the local board of education; and~~
- 6                   ~~4. Develop a process for payment to local boards of education of~~
- 7                   ~~supplement amounts due;]~~
- 8                   (2) ~~[If funds are not appropriated by the General Assembly to support the~~
- 9                   ~~salary supplement established by subsection (1) of this section, a local~~
- 10                   ~~board of education may provide an annual salary supplement under the~~
- 11                   ~~conditions established by subsection (1) of this section using the~~
- 12                   ~~resources available to the local board of education; and~~
- 13                   ~~(3)]~~The supplement authorized by this section shall be considered in the calculation for
- 14                   contribution to the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System.