

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) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection,*** ~~If funds are~~
19 ~~appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose,~~ a local board of
20 education shall provide an annual salary supplement to all speech-language
21 pathologists or audiologists:
22 1. Who are employed by the local board of education to provide or
23 coordinate speech-language pathology or audiology services for
24 students; and
25 2. Who hold:
26 a. i. A certificate of clinical competence issued by the American
27 Speech-Language Hearing Association; or

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

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

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

26 ~~(d) The Department of Education shall:~~

27 ~~1. Determine how many speech language pathologists and audiologists~~

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