

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 salary~~
9 ~~supplement established by subsection (1) of this section, a local board of education~~
10 ~~may provide an annual salary supplement under the conditions established by~~
11 ~~subsection (1) of this section using the resources available to the local board of~~
12 ~~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.