

1 AN ACT relating to nationally certified student support personnel.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 157 IS CREATED TO
4 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 school*
8 *social workers:*

9 *1. Who are employed as a certified employee by the local board of*
10 *education to provide or coordinate counseling or social work services*
11 *for students in a public school setting; and*

12 *2. Who hold an active national certification as a school social worker*
13 *from the School Social Work Association of America.*

14 *(b) The salary supplement shall be in the same amount as the salary*
15 *supplement provided to a public school teacher who has attained*
16 *certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards*
17 *as provided in KRS 157.395. If the amount appropriated by the General*
18 *Assembly is less than the amount necessary to meet the requirements of this*
19 *paragraph, the salary supplement received by each qualified school social*
20 *worker shall be reduced proportionately by the Department of Education so*
21 *that all eligible individuals receive the same amount as a supplement.*

22 *(c) The supplement shall remain available to a school social worker so long as*
23 *funds are appropriated for this purpose by the General Assembly and the*
24 *school social worker continues to meet the requirements established by this*
25 *subsection. The supplement shall cease if the school social worker is*
26 *employed in another capacity by the local board where the provision of*
27 *school social work services is incidental to his or her other duties.*

1 (d) The Department of Education shall:

2 1. Determine how many school social workers qualify for the supplement
3 each year;

4 2. Determine the amount of the supplement available each year for each
5 qualified school social worker based on appropriated funds available;

6 3. Notify each local board of education of the supplement amount
7 available to each qualifying school social worker employed by the
8 local board of education; and

9 4. Develop a process for payment to local boards of education of
10 supplement amounts due;

11 (2) If funds are not appropriated by the General Assembly to support the salary
12 supplement established by subsection (1) of this section, a local board of
13 education may provide an annual salary supplement under the conditions
14 established by subsection (1) of this section using the resources available to the
15 local board of education; and

16 (3) The supplement authorized by this section shall be considered in the calculation
17 for contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System.

18 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 157 IS CREATED TO
19 READ AS FOLLOWS:

20 Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary:

21 (1) (a) If funds are appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose, a local
22 board of education shall provide an annual salary supplement to all school
23 psychologists:

24 1. Who are employed as a certified employee by the local board of
25 education to provide or coordinate school psychologist services for
26 students in a public school setting; and

27 2. Who hold an active nationally certified school psychologist credential

1 from the National Association of School Psychologists.

2 (b) The salary supplement shall be in the same amount as the salary
3 supplement provided to a public school teacher who has attained
4 certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
5 as provided in KRS 157.395. If the amount appropriated by the General
6 Assembly is less than the amount necessary to meet the requirements of this
7 paragraph, the salary supplement received by each qualified school
8 psychologist shall be reduced proportionately by the Department of
9 Education so that all eligible individuals receive the same amount as a
10 supplement.

11 (c) The supplement shall remain available to a school psychologist so long as
12 funds are appropriated for this purpose by the General Assembly and the
13 school psychologist continues to meet the requirements established by this
14 subsection. The supplement shall cease if the school psychologist is
15 employed in another capacity by the local board where the provision of
16 school psychologist services is incidental to his or her other duties.

17 (d) The Department of Education shall:

- 18 1. Determine how many school psychologists qualify for the supplement
19 each year;
- 20 2. Determine the amount of the supplement available each year for each
21 qualified school psychologist based on appropriated funds available;
- 22 3. Notify each local board of education of the supplement amount
23 available to each qualifying school psychologist employed by the local
24 board of education; and
- 25 4. Develop a process for payment to local boards of education of
26 supplement amounts due;

27 (2) If funds are not appropriated by the General Assembly to support the salary

- 1 supplement established by subsection (1) of this section, a local board of
2 education may provide an annual salary supplement under the conditions
3 established by subsection (1) of this section using the resources available to the
4 local board of education; and
5 (3) The supplement authorized by this section shall be considered in the calculation
6 for contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System.