

1 AN ACT relating to teachers of exceptional children.

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 *(1) Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, a public school teacher, or a*
6 *teacher employed at the Kentucky School for the Blind or Kentucky School for*
7 *the Deaf operated by the Department of Education, who holds a professional*
8 *certificate for teaching exceptional children, and who is employed in a classroom*
9 *teacher position requiring the certificate, shall receive an annual salary*
10 *supplement of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each year the conditions are*
11 *met during the life of the certificate. If an annual supplement amount*
12 *appropriated by the General Assembly is less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000),*
13 *the local board may provide an additional supplement up to the amount required*
14 *for the total annual supplement to equal ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). The*
15 *supplement shall be added to:*

16 *(a) The teacher's base salary on the local board's single salary schedule and*
17 *shall be considered in the calculation for contributions to the Kentucky*
18 *Teachers' Retirement System; or*

19 *(b) The state-employed teacher's base salary and shall be considered in the*
20 *calculation for contributions to the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System.*

21 *(2) If a teacher who holds a professional certificate for teaching exceptional children*
22 *becomes no longer employed in a classroom teacher position requiring the*
23 *certificate, the supplement provided under subsection (1) of this section shall*
24 *cease.*

25 *(3) A local board of education or the Department of Education shall request*
26 *reimbursement for these purposes from the fund to support education excellence*
27 *described in KRS 157.330*