

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1369*

Short Title: Salary Increase for School Psychologists. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Malone; Albertson, Atwater, Cowell, Hoyle, Jenkins, Purcell, Stevens, and Swindell.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 26, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SALARY OF NATIONALLY CERTIFIED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Effective for the 2007-2008 school year, a school psychologist who is designated a Nationally Certified School Psychologist by the National School Psychology Certification Board and who has:

- (1) A specialist (sixth year) level certificate shall be paid a five-percent (5%) salary differential; and
- (2) A doctoral level certificate shall be paid a ten-percent (10%) salary differential.

SECTION 1.(b) The Department of Public Instruction shall adopt rules for the provision of the salary increment pursuant to this act to include, but not be limited to, a process by which a nationally certified school psychologist may verify that:

- (1) The individual is still employed by a local school administrative unit as a full-time employee;
- (2) The required certification has been attained and has not lapsed; and
- (3) The individual meets all the qualifications to work as a school psychologist in this State.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of ten million six hundred eighty-four thousand two hundred eighty dollars (\$10,684,280) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of ten million six hundred eighty-four thousand two hundred eighty dollars (\$10,684,280) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.