LAWS OF DELAWARE VOLUME 83 CHAPTER 510 151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY FORMERLY HOUSE BILL NO. 348

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BASIC SALARY SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL-BASED PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 1305, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strikethrough and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 1305. Basic salary schedule for teachers, nurses, principals, superintendents, and other administrative and supervisory school employees.

(1) In addition to the base salary derived from subsections (a) and (b) of this section, an employee who has achieved certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or from an equivalent program approved by the State Board shall receive a salary supplement equal to 12% of the base salary so derived. An employee shall receive a salary supplement equal to 6% of base salary so derived for receiving any of the following national certifications:

(1) Certificate of clinical competence-speech pathologists and audiologists; audiologists.

- (2) Nationally certified school counselor; counselor.
- (3) Music therapist—Board certified; certified.
- (4) Nationally certified school psychologist; psychologist.
- (5) Nationally certified school nurse; and nurse.
- (6) Nationally certified occupational therapist.

(7) Nationally certified physical therapist.

The Professional Standards Board, with the approval of the State Board of Education, may authorize stipends pursuant to this subsection in fiscal year 2000. The supplement shall be in the form of an additional salary amount spread evenly across an employee's contract period similar to base salary. Funding for National Board certification described in this subsection is subject to an annual appropriation. The Department of Education shall provide for funding the supplement provisions of this subsection in its annual budget.

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