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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 336

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

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

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

3 § 1305. Basic salary schedule for teachers, nurses, principals, superintendents, and other ~~administrative and~~
4 ~~supervisory~~ school employees.

5 (t) A school-based physical therapist who has achieved a passing score on the national physical therapy
6 examination issued by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and who holds a current state license to practice
7 from the Delaware Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers and holds a master's degree in physical
8 therapy but does not hold a doctorate of physical therapy shall receive the higher of either a base salary level of Masters
9 Plus 30 credits or the physical therapist's current pay grade. A school-based physical therapist who has achieved a passing
10 score on the national physical therapy examination issued by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and who
11 holds a current state license to practice from the Delaware Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers,
12 and who holds a doctorate of physical therapy shall receive a base salary level of doctor's degree. A school-based physical
13 therapist who has completed additional course work separate from the physical therapy master's degree may apply for
14 rightward movement on the indexed scale under subsection (a) of this section.

SYNOPSIS

This Act provides school-base physical therapists who have graduated from an accredited college or university with the highest level masters or doctorate degree, and who have achieved a passing score on the national physical therapy examination issued by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, with base salaries of Master Plus 30 or Doctorate, and provides the ability to move forward on the salary schedule for additional credits earned. Since 2015, a doctorate degree is required in order to sit for the national physical therapy examination for licensure.