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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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.

(l) 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.

SYNOPSIS

This Act provides nationally certified occupational therapists with a salary supplement for receiving national certification. This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing language to the standards of the Delaware Drafting Manual.