

By: Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Hughes

To: Education;  
Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 982

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-19-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE TEACHERS' SALARIES OVER THE FOLLOWING FIVE YEARS SO THAT  
3 BEGINNING IN THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, THE AVERAGE SALARY OF  
4 MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IS EQUAL TO THE SOUTHEASTERN  
5 AVERAGE TEACHER'S SALARY, AS DETERMINED BY THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL  
6 EDUCATION BOARD (SREB); AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-19-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 37-19-7. (1) (a) The allowance in the Mississippi Adequate  
11 Education Program for teachers' salaries in each county and  
12 separate school district shall be determined and paid in  
13 accordance with the scale for teachers' salaries as provided in  
14 this subsection. For teachers holding the following types of  
15 licenses or the equivalent as determined by the State Board of  
16 Education, and the following number of years of teaching  
17 experience, the scale shall be as follows:

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19 **2018-2019 MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE**

20 Years



21	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>AAAA</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
22	<u>0</u>	<u>41,352.00</u>	<u>40,188.00</u>	<u>39,024.00</u>	<u>36,634.00</u>
23	<u>1</u>	<u>41,352.00</u>	<u>40,188.00</u>	<u>39,024.00</u>	<u>36,634.00</u>
24	<u>2</u>	<u>41,352.00</u>	<u>40,188.00</u>	<u>39,024.00</u>	<u>36,634.00</u>
25	<u>3</u>	<u>42,146.00</u>	<u>41,005.00</u>	<u>39,684.00</u>	<u>37,129.00</u>
26	<u>4</u>	<u>42,940.00</u>	<u>41,642.00</u>	<u>40,344.00</u>	<u>37,624.00</u>
27	<u>5</u>	<u>43,734.00</u>	<u>42,369.00</u>	<u>41,004.00</u>	<u>38,119.00</u>
28	<u>6</u>	<u>44,528.00</u>	<u>43,096.00</u>	<u>41,664.00</u>	<u>38,614.00</u>
29	<u>7</u>	<u>45,322.00</u>	<u>43,823.00</u>	<u>42,324.00</u>	<u>39,109.00</u>
30	<u>8</u>	<u>46,066.00</u>	<u>44,550.00</u>	<u>42,984.00</u>	<u>39,604.00</u>
31	<u>9</u>	<u>46,910.00</u>	<u>45,277.00</u>	<u>43,644.00</u>	<u>40,099.00</u>
32	<u>10</u>	<u>47,704.00</u>	<u>46,004.00</u>	<u>44,304.00</u>	<u>40,594.00</u>
33	<u>11</u>	<u>48,498.00</u>	<u>46,731.00</u>	<u>44,964.00</u>	<u>41,089.00</u>
34	<u>12</u>	<u>49,292.00</u>	<u>47,458.00</u>	<u>45,624.00</u>	<u>41,584.00</u>
35	<u>13</u>	<u>50,086.00</u>	<u>48,185.00</u>	<u>46,284.00</u>	<u>42,079.00</u>
36	<u>14</u>	<u>50,880.00</u>	<u>48,912.00</u>	<u>46,944.00</u>	<u>42,574.00</u>
37	<u>15</u>	<u>51,674.00</u>	<u>49,639.00</u>	<u>47,604.00</u>	<u>43,069.00</u>
38	<u>16</u>	<u>52,468.00</u>	<u>50,366.00</u>	<u>48,264.00</u>	<u>43,564.00</u>
39	<u>17</u>	<u>53,262.00</u>	<u>51,093.00</u>	<u>48,924.00</u>	<u>44,059.00</u>
40	<u>18</u>	<u>54,056.00</u>	<u>51,820.00</u>	<u>49,584.00</u>	<u>44,554.00</u>
41	<u>19</u>	<u>54,850.00</u>	<u>52,547.00</u>	<u>50,244.00</u>	<u>45,049.00</u>
42	<u>20</u>	<u>55,644.00</u>	<u>53,274.00</u>	<u>50,904.00</u>	<u>45,544.00</u>
43	<u>21</u>	<u>56,438.00</u>	<u>54,001.00</u>	<u>51,564.00</u>	<u>46,039.00</u>
44	<u>22</u>	<u>57,232.00</u>	<u>54,728.00</u>	<u>52,224.00</u>	<u>46,534.00</u>
45	<u>23</u>	<u>58,026.00</u>	<u>55,455.00</u>	<u>52,884.00</u>	<u>47,029.00</u>



46	<u>24</u>	<u>58,820.00</u>	<u>56,182.00</u>	<u>53,544.00</u>	<u>47,524.00</u>
47	<u>25</u>	<u>61,674.00</u>	<u>58,969.00</u>	<u>56,264.00</u>	<u>50,079.00</u>
48	<u>26</u>	<u>62,468.00</u>	<u>59,696.00</u>	<u>56,924.00</u>	<u>50,574.00</u>
49	<u>27</u>	<u>63,262.00</u>	<u>60,423.00</u>	<u>57,584.00</u>	<u>51,069.00</u>
50	<u>28</u>	<u>64,056.00</u>	<u>61,150.00</u>	<u>58,244.00</u>	<u>51,564.00</u>
51	<u>29</u>	<u>64,850.00</u>	<u>61,877.00</u>	<u>58,904.00</u>	<u>52,059.00</u>
52	<u>30</u>	<u>65,644.00</u>	<u>62,604.00</u>	<u>59,564.00</u>	<u>52,554.00</u>
53	<u>31</u>	<u>66,438.00</u>	<u>63,331.00</u>	<u>60,224.00</u>	<u>53,049.00</u>
54	<u>32</u>	<u>67,232.00</u>	<u>64,058.00</u>	<u>60,884.00</u>	<u>53,544.00</u>
55	<u>33</u>	<u>68,026.00</u>	<u>64,788.00</u>	<u>61,544.00</u>	<u>54,039.00</u>
56	<u>34</u>	<u>68,820.00</u>	<u>65,512.00</u>	<u>62,204.00</u>	<u>54,534.00</u>
57	<u>35</u>				
58	<u>&amp; above</u>	<u>69,614.00</u>	<u>66,239.00</u>	<u>62,864.00</u>	<u>55,029.00</u>

**2019-2020 MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE**

60	<u>Years</u>				
61	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>AAAA</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
62	<u>0</u>	<u>42,474.00</u>	<u>41,310.00</u>	<u>40,146.00</u>	<u>37,756.00</u>
63	<u>1</u>	<u>42,474.00</u>	<u>41,310.00</u>	<u>40,146.00</u>	<u>37,756.00</u>
64	<u>2</u>	<u>42,474.00</u>	<u>41,310.00</u>	<u>40,146.00</u>	<u>37,756.00</u>
65	<u>3</u>	<u>43,268.00</u>	<u>42,127.00</u>	<u>40,806.00</u>	<u>38,251.00</u>
66	<u>4</u>	<u>44,062.00</u>	<u>42,764.00</u>	<u>41,466.00</u>	<u>38,746.00</u>
67	<u>5</u>	<u>44,856.00</u>	<u>43,491.00</u>	<u>42,126.00</u>	<u>39,241.00</u>
68	<u>6</u>	<u>45,650.00</u>	<u>44,218.00</u>	<u>42,786.00</u>	<u>39,736.00</u>
69	<u>7</u>	<u>46,444.00</u>	<u>44,945.00</u>	<u>43,446.00</u>	<u>40,231.00</u>
70	<u>8</u>	<u>47,188.00</u>	<u>45,672.00</u>	<u>44,106.00</u>	<u>40,726.00</u>



71	<u>9</u>	<u>48,032.00</u>	<u>46,399.00</u>	<u>44,766.00</u>	<u>41,221.00</u>
72	<u>10</u>	<u>48,826.00</u>	<u>47,126.00</u>	<u>45,426.00</u>	<u>41,716.00</u>
73	<u>11</u>	<u>49,620.00</u>	<u>48,975.00</u>	<u>47,208.00</u>	<u>42,211.00</u>
74	<u>12</u>	<u>50,414.00</u>	<u>48,580.00</u>	<u>46,746.00</u>	<u>42,706.00</u>
75	<u>13</u>	<u>51,208.00</u>	<u>49,307.00</u>	<u>47,406.00</u>	<u>43,201.00</u>
76	<u>14</u>	<u>52,002.00</u>	<u>50,034.00</u>	<u>48,066.00</u>	<u>43,696.00</u>
77	<u>15</u>	<u>52,796.00</u>	<u>50,761.00</u>	<u>48,726.00</u>	<u>44,191.00</u>
78	<u>16</u>	<u>53,590.00</u>	<u>51,488.00</u>	<u>49,386.00</u>	<u>44,808.00</u>
79	<u>17</u>	<u>54,384.00</u>	<u>52,215.00</u>	<u>50,046.00</u>	<u>45,181.00</u>
80	<u>18</u>	<u>55,178.00</u>	<u>52,942.00</u>	<u>50,706.00</u>	<u>45,676.00</u>
81	<u>19</u>	<u>55,972.00</u>	<u>53,669.00</u>	<u>51,366.00</u>	<u>46,171.00</u>
82	<u>20</u>	<u>56,766.00</u>	<u>54,396.00</u>	<u>52,026.00</u>	<u>46,666.00</u>
83	<u>21</u>	<u>57,560.00</u>	<u>55,123.00</u>	<u>52,686.00</u>	<u>47,161.00</u>
84	<u>22</u>	<u>58,354.00</u>	<u>55,850.00</u>	<u>53,346.00</u>	<u>47,656.00</u>
85	<u>23</u>	<u>59,148.00</u>	<u>56,577.00</u>	<u>54,006.00</u>	<u>48,151.00</u>
86	<u>24</u>	<u>59,942.00</u>	<u>57,304.00</u>	<u>54,666.00</u>	<u>48,646.00</u>
87	<u>25</u>	<u>62,786.00</u>	<u>60,091.00</u>	<u>57,386.00</u>	<u>51,201.00</u>
88	<u>26</u>	<u>63,590.00</u>	<u>60,818.00</u>	<u>58,046.00</u>	<u>51,696.00</u>
89	<u>27</u>	<u>64,386.00</u>	<u>61,545.00</u>	<u>58,706.00</u>	<u>52,191.00</u>
90	<u>28</u>	<u>65,180.00</u>	<u>62,272.00</u>	<u>59,366.00</u>	<u>52,686.00</u>
91	<u>29</u>	<u>65,974.00</u>	<u>62,999.00</u>	<u>60,026.00</u>	<u>53,181.00</u>
92	<u>30</u>	<u>66,766.00</u>	<u>63,726.00</u>	<u>60,686.00</u>	<u>53,676.00</u>
93	<u>31</u>	<u>67,560.00</u>	<u>64,453.00</u>	<u>61,346.00</u>	<u>54,171.00</u>
94	<u>32</u>	<u>68,354.00</u>	<u>65,180.00</u>	<u>62,006.00</u>	<u>54,666.00</u>
95	<u>33</u>	<u>69,148.00</u>	<u>65,910.00</u>	<u>62,666.00</u>	<u>55,161.00</u>



96	<u>34</u>	<u>69,942.00</u>	<u>66,634.00</u>	<u>63,326.00</u>	<u>56,778.00</u>
97	<u>35</u>				
98	<u>&amp; above</u>	<u>70,736.00</u>	<u>67,361.00</u>	<u>63,986.00</u>	<u>56,151.00</u>

99 **2020-2021 MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE**

100	<u>Years</u>				
101	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>AAAA</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
102	<u>0</u>	<u>43,596.00</u>	<u>42,432.00</u>	<u>41,268.00</u>	<u>38,878.00</u>
103	<u>1</u>	<u>43,596.00</u>	<u>42,432.00</u>	<u>41,268.00</u>	<u>38,878.00</u>
104	<u>2</u>	<u>43,596.00</u>	<u>42,432.00</u>	<u>41,268.00</u>	<u>38,878.00</u>
105	<u>3</u>	<u>44,390.00</u>	<u>43,249.00</u>	<u>41,928.00</u>	<u>39,373.00</u>
106	<u>4</u>	<u>45,184.00</u>	<u>43,886.00</u>	<u>42,588.00</u>	<u>39,868.00</u>
107	<u>5</u>	<u>45,978.00</u>	<u>44,613.00</u>	<u>43,248.00</u>	<u>40,363.00</u>
108	<u>6</u>	<u>46,772.00</u>	<u>45,340.00</u>	<u>43,908.00</u>	<u>40,858.00</u>
109	<u>7</u>	<u>47,566.00</u>	<u>46,067.00</u>	<u>44,568.00</u>	<u>41,353.00</u>
110	<u>8</u>	<u>48,310.00</u>	<u>46,794.00</u>	<u>45,228.00</u>	<u>41,848.00</u>
111	<u>9</u>	<u>49,154.00</u>	<u>47,521.00</u>	<u>45,888.00</u>	<u>42,343.00</u>
112	<u>10</u>	<u>49,948.00</u>	<u>48,248.00</u>	<u>46,548.00</u>	<u>42,838.00</u>
113	<u>11</u>	<u>50,742.00</u>	<u>48,975.00</u>	<u>47,208.00</u>	<u>43,333.00</u>
114	<u>12</u>	<u>51,536.00</u>	<u>49,702.00</u>	<u>47,868.00</u>	<u>43,828.00</u>
115	<u>13</u>	<u>52,330.00</u>	<u>50,429.00</u>	<u>48,528.00</u>	<u>44,323.00</u>
116	<u>14</u>	<u>53,124.00</u>	<u>51,156.00</u>	<u>49,188.00</u>	<u>44,818.00</u>
117	<u>15</u>	<u>53,918.00</u>	<u>51,883.00</u>	<u>49,848.00</u>	<u>45,313.00</u>
118	<u>16</u>	<u>54,712.00</u>	<u>52,610.00</u>	<u>50,508.00</u>	<u>45,808.00</u>
119	<u>17</u>	<u>55,506.00</u>	<u>53,337.00</u>	<u>51,168.00</u>	<u>46,303.00</u>
120	<u>18</u>	<u>56,300.00</u>	<u>54,064.00</u>	<u>51,828.00</u>	<u>46,798.00</u>



121	<u>19</u>	<u>57,094.00</u>	<u>54,791.00</u>	<u>52,488.00</u>	<u>47,293.00</u>
122	<u>20</u>	<u>57,888.00</u>	<u>55,518.00</u>	<u>53,148.00</u>	<u>47,788.00</u>
123	<u>21</u>	<u>58,682.00</u>	<u>56,245.00</u>	<u>53,808.00</u>	<u>48,283.00</u>
124	<u>22</u>	<u>59,476.00</u>	<u>56,972.00</u>	<u>54,468.00</u>	<u>48,778.00</u>
125	<u>23</u>	<u>60,270.00</u>	<u>57,699.00</u>	<u>55,128.00</u>	<u>49,273.00</u>
126	<u>24</u>	<u>61,064.00</u>	<u>58,426.00</u>	<u>55,788.00</u>	<u>49,768.00</u>
127	<u>25</u>	<u>63,908.00</u>	<u>61,213.00</u>	<u>58,508.00</u>	<u>52,323.00</u>
128	<u>26</u>	<u>64,712.00</u>	<u>61,940.00</u>	<u>59,168.00</u>	<u>52,818.00</u>
129	<u>27</u>	<u>65,506.00</u>	<u>62,667.00</u>	<u>59,828.00</u>	<u>53,313.00</u>
130	<u>28</u>	<u>66,302.00</u>	<u>63,394.00</u>	<u>60,488.00</u>	<u>53,808.00</u>
131	<u>29</u>	<u>67,096.00</u>	<u>64,121.00</u>	<u>61,148.00</u>	<u>54,303.00</u>
132	<u>30</u>	<u>67,888.00</u>	<u>64,848.00</u>	<u>61,808.00</u>	<u>54,798.00</u>
133	<u>31</u>	<u>68,682.00</u>	<u>65,575.00</u>	<u>62,468.00</u>	<u>55,293.00</u>
134	<u>32</u>	<u>69,476.00</u>	<u>66,302.00</u>	<u>63,128.00</u>	<u>55,788.00</u>
135	<u>33</u>	<u>70,270.00</u>	<u>67,032.00</u>	<u>63,788.00</u>	<u>56,283.00</u>
136	<u>34</u>	<u>71,064.00</u>	<u>67,756.00</u>	<u>64,448.00</u>	<u>57,900.00</u>
137	<u>35</u>				
138	<u>&amp; above</u>	<u>71,858.00</u>	<u>68,483.00</u>	<u>65,108.00</u>	<u>57,273.00</u>

**2021-2022 MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE**

140	<u>Years</u>				
141	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>AAAA</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
142	<u>0</u>	<u>44,718.00</u>	<u>43,554.00</u>	<u>42,390.00</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>
143	<u>1</u>	<u>44,718.00</u>	<u>43,554.00</u>	<u>42,390.00</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>
144	<u>2</u>	<u>44,718.00</u>	<u>43,554.00</u>	<u>42,390.00</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>
145	<u>3</u>	<u>45,512.00</u>	<u>44,371.00</u>	<u>43,050.00</u>	<u>40,495.00</u>



146	<u>4</u>	<u>46,306.00</u>	<u>45,008.00</u>	<u>43,710.00</u>	<u>40,990.00</u>
147	<u>5</u>	<u>47,100.00</u>	<u>45,735.00</u>	<u>44,370.00</u>	<u>41,485.00</u>
148	<u>6</u>	<u>47,894.00</u>	<u>46,462.00</u>	<u>45,030.00</u>	<u>41,980.00</u>
149	<u>7</u>	<u>48,688.00</u>	<u>47,189.00</u>	<u>45,690.00</u>	<u>42,475.00</u>
150	<u>8</u>	<u>49,432.00</u>	<u>47,916.00</u>	<u>46,350.00</u>	<u>42,970.00</u>
151	<u>9</u>	<u>50,276.00</u>	<u>48,643.00</u>	<u>47,010.00</u>	<u>43,465.00</u>
152	<u>10</u>	<u>51,070.00</u>	<u>49,370.00</u>	<u>47,670.00</u>	<u>43,960.00</u>
153	<u>11</u>	<u>51,864.00</u>	<u>50,097.00</u>	<u>48,330.00</u>	<u>44,455.00</u>
154	<u>12</u>	<u>52,658.00</u>	<u>50,824.00</u>	<u>48,990.00</u>	<u>44,950.00</u>
155	<u>13</u>	<u>53,452.00</u>	<u>51,551.00</u>	<u>49,650.00</u>	<u>45,445.00</u>
156	<u>14</u>	<u>54,246.00</u>	<u>52,278.00</u>	<u>50,310.00</u>	<u>45,940.00</u>
157	<u>15</u>	<u>55,040.00</u>	<u>53,005.00</u>	<u>50,970.00</u>	<u>46,435.00</u>
158	<u>16</u>	<u>55,834.00</u>	<u>53,732.00</u>	<u>51,630.00</u>	<u>46,930.00</u>
159	<u>17</u>	<u>56,628.00</u>	<u>54,459.00</u>	<u>52,290.00</u>	<u>47,425.00</u>
160	<u>18</u>	<u>57,422.00</u>	<u>55,186.00</u>	<u>52,950.00</u>	<u>47,920.00</u>
161	<u>19</u>	<u>58,216.00</u>	<u>55,913.00</u>	<u>53,610.00</u>	<u>48,415.00</u>
162	<u>20</u>	<u>59,010.00</u>	<u>56,640.00</u>	<u>54,270.00</u>	<u>48,910.00</u>
163	<u>21</u>	<u>59,804.00</u>	<u>57,367.00</u>	<u>54,930.00</u>	<u>49,405.00</u>
164	<u>22</u>	<u>60,598.00</u>	<u>58,094.00</u>	<u>55,590.00</u>	<u>49,900.00</u>
165	<u>23</u>	<u>61,392.00</u>	<u>58,821.00</u>	<u>56,250.00</u>	<u>50,395.00</u>
166	<u>24</u>	<u>62,186.00</u>	<u>59,548.00</u>	<u>59,910.00</u>	<u>50,890.00</u>
167	<u>25</u>	<u>65,030.00</u>	<u>62,335.00</u>	<u>59,630.00</u>	<u>53,445.00</u>
168	<u>26</u>	<u>65,834.00</u>	<u>63,062.00</u>	<u>60,290.00</u>	<u>53,940.00</u>
169	<u>27</u>	<u>66,628.00</u>	<u>63,789.00</u>	<u>60,950.00</u>	<u>54,435.00</u>
170	<u>28</u>	<u>67,424.00</u>	<u>64,516.00</u>	<u>61,610.00</u>	<u>54,930.00</u>



171	<u>29</u>	<u>68,218.00</u>	<u>65,243.00</u>	<u>62,270.00</u>	<u>55,425.00</u>
172	<u>30</u>	<u>69,010.00</u>	<u>65,970.00</u>	<u>62,930.00</u>	<u>55,920.00</u>
173	<u>31</u>	<u>69,804.00</u>	<u>66,697.00</u>	<u>63,590.00</u>	<u>56,415.00</u>
174	<u>32</u>	<u>70,598.00</u>	<u>67,424.00</u>	<u>64,250.00</u>	<u>56,910.00</u>
175	<u>33</u>	<u>71,392.00</u>	<u>68,154.00</u>	<u>64,910.00</u>	<u>57,405.00</u>
176	<u>34</u>	<u>72,186.00</u>	<u>68,878.00</u>	<u>65,570.00</u>	<u>59,022.00</u>
177	<u>35</u>				
178	<u>&amp; above</u>	<u>72,980.00</u>	<u>69,605.00</u>	<u>66,230.00</u>	<u>58,395.00</u>

179           (b) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and in  
180 each succeeding school year, the State Department of Education  
181 shall adjust the 2021-2022 school year minimum salary schedule  
182 provided under paragraph (a) of this subsection in such a manner  
183 that the average salary of Mississippi teachers is an amount equal  
184 to the southeastern average teacher's salary, as determined and  
185 published by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) in the  
186 document entitled "Average Salaries for Public Elementary and  
187 Secondary School Teachers in SREB States."

188           (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that any state  
189 funds made available for salaries of licensed personnel in excess  
190 of the funds paid for such salaries for the 1986-1987 school year  
191 shall be paid to licensed personnel pursuant to a personnel  
192 appraisal and compensation system implemented by the State Board  
193 of Education. The State Board of Education shall have the  
194 authority to adopt and amend rules and regulations as are  
195 necessary to establish, administer and maintain the system.





196           (d) All teachers employed on a full-time basis shall be  
197 paid a minimum salary in accordance with \* \* \* this subsection.  
198 However, no school district shall receive any funds under this  
199 section for any school year during which the local supplement paid  
200 to any individual teacher shall have been reduced to a sum less  
201 than that paid to that individual teacher for performing the same  
202 duties from local supplement during the immediately preceding  
203 school year. The amount actually spent for the purposes of group  
204 health and/or life insurance shall be considered as a part of the  
205 aggregate amount of local supplement but shall not be considered a  
206 part of the amount of individual local supplement.

207           (e) The level of professional training of each teacher  
208 to be used in establishing the salary allotment for the teachers  
209 for each year shall be determined by the type of valid teacher's  
210 license issued to those teachers on or before October 1 of the  
211 current school year. Provided, however, that school districts are  
212 authorized, in their discretion, to negotiate the salary levels  
213 applicable to certificated employees who are receiving retirement  
214 benefits from the retirement system of another state, and the  
215 annual experience increment provided above in Section 37-19-7  
216 shall not be applicable to any such retired certificated employee.

217           (2) (a) The following employees shall receive an annual  
218 salary supplement in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars  
219 (\$6,000.00), plus fringe benefits, in addition to any other  
220 compensation to which the employee may be entitled:



221                   (i) Any licensed teacher who has met the  
222 requirements and acquired a Master Teacher certificate from the  
223 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is  
224 employed by a local school board or the State Board of Education  
225 as a teacher and not as an administrator. Such teacher shall  
226 submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the  
227 certificate was received prior to October 15 in order to be  
228 eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school  
229 year, or the teacher shall submit such documentation to the State  
230 Department of Education prior to February 15 in order to be  
231 eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the  
232 second term of the school year.

233                   (ii) A licensed nurse who has met the requirements  
234 and acquired a certificate from the National Board for  
235 Certification of School Nurses, Inc., and who is employed by a  
236 local school board or the State Board of Education as a school  
237 nurse and not as an administrator. The licensed school nurse  
238 shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education  
239 that the certificate was received before October 15 in order to be  
240 eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school  
241 year, or the licensed school nurse shall submit the documentation  
242 to the State Department of Education before February 15 in order  
243 to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the  
244 second term of the school year. Provided, however, that the total



number of licensed school nurses eligible for a salary supplement under this subparagraph (ii) shall not exceed thirty-five (35).

(iii) Any licensed school counselor who has met the requirements and acquired a National Certified School Counselor (NCSC) endorsement from the National Board of Certified Counselors and who is employed by a local school board or the State Board of Education as a counselor and not as an administrator. Such licensed school counselor shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the endorsement was received prior to October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed school counselor shall submit such documentation to the State Department of Education prior to February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year. However, any school counselor who started the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards process for school counselors between June 1, 2003, and June 30, 2004, and completes the requirements and acquires the Master Teacher certificate shall be entitled to the master teacher supplement, and those counselors who complete the process shall be entitled to a one-time reimbursement for the actual cost of the process as outlined in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(iv) Any licensed speech-language pathologist and audiologist who has met the requirements and acquired a



Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and any certified academic language therapist (CALT) who has met the certification requirements of the Academic Language Therapy Association and who is employed by a local school board or is employed by a state agency under the State Personnel Board. The licensed speech-language pathologist and audiologist and certified academic language therapist shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate or endorsement was received before October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed speech-language pathologist and audiologist and certified academic language therapist shall submit the documentation to the State Department of Education before February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year. However, the total number of certified academic language therapists eligible for a salary supplement under this paragraph (iv) shall not exceed twenty (20).

(b) An employee shall be reimbursed for the actual cost of completing each component of acquiring the certificate or endorsement, excluding any costs incurred for postgraduate courses, not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each component, not to exceed four (4) components, for a teacher, school counselor or speech-language pathologist and audiologist, regardless of whether or not the process resulted in the award of



the certificate or endorsement. A local school district or any private individual or entity may pay the cost of completing the process of acquiring the certificate or endorsement for any employee of the school district described under paragraph (a), and the State Department of Education shall reimburse the school district for such cost, regardless of whether or not the process resulted in the award of the certificate or endorsement. If a private individual or entity has paid the cost of completing the process of acquiring the certificate or endorsement for an employee, the local school district may agree to directly reimburse the individual or entity for such cost on behalf of the employee.

(c) All salary supplements, fringe benefits and process reimbursement authorized under this subsection shall be paid directly by the State Department of Education to the local school district and shall be in addition to its minimum education program allotments and not a part thereof in accordance with regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education. Local school districts shall not reduce the local supplement paid to any employee receiving such salary supplement, and the employee shall receive any local supplement to which employees with similar training and experience otherwise are entitled. However, an educational employee shall receive the salary supplement in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for only one (1) of the qualifying certifications authorized under paragraph (a) of this



subsection. No school district shall provide more than one (1) annual salary supplement under the provisions of this subsection to any one individual employee holding multiple qualifying national certifications.

(d) If an employee for whom such cost has been paid, in full or in part, by a local school district or private individual or entity fails to complete the certification or endorsement process, the employee shall be liable to the school district or individual or entity for all amounts paid by the school district or individual or entity on behalf of that employee toward his or her certificate or endorsement.

(3) The following employees shall receive an annual salary supplement in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00), plus fringe benefits, in addition to any other compensation to which the employee may be entitled:

Effective July 1, 2016, if funds are available for that purpose, any licensed teacher who has met the requirements and acquired a Master Teacher Certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is employed in a public school district located in one (1) of the following counties:

Claiborne, Adams, Jefferson, Wilkinson, Amite, Bolivar, Coahoma, Leflore, Quitman, Sharkey, Issaquena, Sunflower and Washington.

The salary supplement awarded under the provisions of this subsection (3) shall be in addition to the salary supplement awarded under the provisions of subsection (2) of this section.



Teachers who meet the qualifications for a salary supplement under this subsection (3) who are assigned for less than one (1) full year or less than full time for the school year shall receive the salary supplement in a prorated manner, with the portion of the teacher's assignment to the critical geographic area to be determined as of June 15th of the school year.

(4) (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Performance-Based Pay (MPBP)" plan. In addition to the minimum base pay described in this section, only after full funding of MAEP and if funds are available for that purpose, the State of Mississippi may provide monies from state funds to school districts for the purposes of rewarding certified teachers, administrators and nonlicensed personnel at individual schools showing improvement in student test scores. The MPBP plan shall be developed by the State Department of Education based on the following criteria:

(i) It is the express intent of this legislation that the MPBP plan shall utilize only existing standards of accreditation and assessment as established by the State Board of Education.

(ii) To ensure that all of Mississippi's teachers, administrators and nonlicensed personnel at all schools have equal access to the monies set aside in this section, the MPBP program shall be designed to calculate each school's performance as determined by the school's increase in scores from the prior



370 school year. The MPBP program shall be based on a standardized  
371 scores rating where all levels of schools can be judged in a  
372 statistically fair and reasonable way upon implementation. At the  
373 end of each year, after all student achievement scores have been  
374 standardized, the State Department of Education shall implement  
375 the MPBP plan.

376 (iii) To ensure all teachers cooperate in the  
377 spirit of teamwork, individual schools shall submit a plan to the  
378 local school district to be approved before the beginning of each  
379 school year beginning July 1, 2008. The plan shall include, but  
380 not be limited to, how all teachers, regardless of subject area,  
381 and administrators will be responsible for improving student  
382 achievement for their individual school.

383 (b) The State Board of Education shall develop the  
384 processes and procedures for designating schools eligible to  
385 participate in the MPBP. State assessment results, growth in  
386 student achievement at individual schools and other measures  
387 deemed appropriate in designating successful student achievement  
388 shall be used in establishing MPBP criteria. The State Board of  
389 Education shall develop the MPBP policies and procedures and  
390 report to the Legislature and Governor by December 1, 2006.

391 (5) (a) Beginning in the 2008-2009 school year, if funds  
392 are available for that purpose, each school in Mississippi shall  
393 have mentor teachers, as defined by Sections 37-9-201 through  
394 37-9-213, who shall receive additional base compensation provided





for by the State Legislature in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per each beginning teacher that is being mentored. The additional state compensation shall be limited to those mentor teachers that provide mentoring services to beginning teachers. For the purposes of such funding, a beginning teacher shall be defined as any teacher in any school in Mississippi that has less than one (1) year of classroom experience teaching in a public school. For the purposes of such funding, no full-time academic teacher shall mentor more than two (2) beginning teachers.

(b) To be eligible for this state funding, the individual school must have a classroom management program approved by the local school board.

(6) Effective with the 2014-2015 school year, the school districts participating in the Pilot Performance-Based Compensation System pursuant to Section 37-19-9 may award additional teacher and administrator pay based thereon.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2018.

