

Senate Bill 173

By: Senator Harp of the 16th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for an increase in state salary for school psychologists who earn national certification; to provide a definition; to provide for the amount of such increase; to provide when such increase shall become effective; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code Section 20-2-221 to read as follows:

"20-2-221.

(a) As used in this Code section, 'national certification' means certification as a nationally certified school psychologist from the National School Psychologist Certification Board.

(b) Any person who has earned national certification as a school psychologist shall receive not less than a 5 percent increase in state salary upon:

(1) First employment as a school psychologist in a public school in this state;

(2) The commencement of the 2001-2002 school year if such certification was earned prior to such school year; or

(3) Upon the commencement of the school year after earning such certification if such certification is earned after the commencement of the 2001-2002 school year.

(c) The increase in state salary provided by this Code section shall be in addition to any other increase for which the person is eligible."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.