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SENATE BILL DRS35259-MTa-109 (03/13)

Short Title: Occup. Therap./Phys. Therap. Salaries. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Barringer (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SALARIES OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND
3 PHYSICAL THERAPISTS WHO ARE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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6 **PART I. SALARIES OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND PHYSICAL**
7 **THERAPISTS**

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** Notwithstanding the section in the Current Operations and Capital
9 Improvements Appropriations Act regarding Noncertified Personnel Salaries, therapists who
10 are public school employees shall receive a monthly salary for the 2017-2018 fiscal year based
11 on the salary schedule for teachers who are classified as "A" teachers plus an additional
12 percentage to be determined as follows:

- 13 (1) For therapists with between zero and nine years of experience, thirty-five
14 percent (35%).
15 (2) For therapists with between 10 and 19 years of experience, forty percent
16 (40%).
17 (3) For therapists with 20 years of experience or more, forty-five percent (45%).

18 **SECTION 1.(b)** As used in this section, the term "therapist" means occupational
19 therapist or physical therapist.

20 **SECTION 1.(c)** Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, occupational
21 therapists and physical therapists who are public school employees and were compensated in
22 the 2016-2017 school year shall receive at least as much State funding toward their
23 compensation as they would have received in the 2016-2017 school year.

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25 **PART II. APPROPRIATION**

26 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
27 Public Instruction the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in recurring funds to be
28 deposited in the allotments currently supporting occupational therapists and physical therapists
29 who are public school employees in order to implement the provisions of this act.

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31 **PART III. EFFECTIVE DATE**

32 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.



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