Amendment: D3

Representative Whitmire proposes the following amendment:

Department of Education

Amend

1.87. (SDE-EIA: Teacher Salaries/SE Average) The projected Southeastern average teacher salary shall be the average of the average teachers' salaries of the southeastern states as projected by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. For the current school year the Southeastern average teacher salary is projected to be ~~$52,830~~ *$53,426*. The General Assembly remains desirous of raising the average teacher salary in South Carolina through incremental increases over the next few years so as to make such equivalent to the national average teacher salary.

Additionally, for the current fiscal year, a local school district board of trustees must increase the salary compensation for all eligible certified teachers employed by the district by no less than one year of experience credit using the district salary schedule utilized the prior fiscal year as the basis for providing the step. Application of this provision must be applied uniformly for all eligible certified teachers. For Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ *2021-22*, the requirement that school districts maintain local salary supplements per teacher no less than their prior fiscal year level is suspended if additional State funds fill the gap.

Funds allocated ~~by Proviso 1.3 for implementing~~ the ~~a revised state minimum salary schedule.~~ for Teacher Salaries must be used to increase salaries of those teachers eligible pursuant to Section 59-20-50(4)(b), to include classroom teachers, librarians, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, occupational and physical therapists, school nurses, orientation/mobility instructors, and audiologists in the school districts of the state ~~by not less than four percent~~. Districts must use the district salary schedule utilized the prior fiscal year as the basis for providing the increase.

For purposes of this provision teachers shall be defined by the Department of Education using the Professional Certified Staff (PCS) System.

Ways and Means Committee Amendment