

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1827

Short Title: Increase School Therapist Pay.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Jeffus; Adams and Wainwright.

Referred to: Education, if favorable, Appropriations.

May 30, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE THE PAY OF
2 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS IN THE
3 PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Section 8.13 of S.L. 1999-237 is amended by adding a new
7 subsection to read:

8 Section 8.13.(f) Effective for the 2000-2001 school year, the first step of the
9 salary schedule for occupational therapists and physical therapists in the public schools
10 shall be equivalent to Step 5, corresponding to five years of experience, on the salary
11 schedule established in this section for certified personnel of the public schools who are
12 classified as "G"teachers. Occupational therapists and physical therapists shall be placed
13 on the salary schedule at an appropriate step based on their years of experience.
14 Occupational therapists and physical therapists shall receive longevity payments based on
15 years of State service in the same manner as teachers.

16 Occupational therapists and physical therapists with certification based on
17 academic preparation at the six-year degree level shall receive a salary supplement of one
18 hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided
19 for occupational therapists and physical therapists. Occupational therapists and physical
20 therapists with certification based on academic preparation at the doctoral degree level

1 shall receive a salary supplement of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month
2 in addition to the compensation provided for occupational therapists and physical
3 therapists.

4 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to State Aid to Local
5 School Administrative Units the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000)
6 for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to implement the provisions of this act.

7 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2000.