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CHAPTER 209

MINIMUM SALARIES

Sec.

1901. Minimum salaries for teachers.

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§ 1901. Minimum salaries for teachers

Each administrative unit operating public schools within the State shall employ only certified teachers and after July 1, 1964 shall pay such teachers, except substitute teachers as defined by the commissioner, the minimum salaries as follows:

Years of Teaching Experience	Certified Teachers	Teachers with 3 years of Professional Study Beyond High School	Teachers with 4 years of Study Beyond High School and with a Bachelor's Degree	Teachers with an earned Master's Degree
0	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,200
1	3,100	3,600	4,200	4,400
2	3,200	3,700	4,400	4,600
3	3,300	3,800	4,600	4,800
4	3,400	3,900	4,800	5,000
5	3,500	4,000	5,000	5,200

Notwithstanding other provisions of this section no town shall be required to increase the salary of any teacher more than \$300 in any one school year. Any administrative unit which fails to comply with any of these conditions shall have deducted from its apportionment a sum equal to that by which it is delinquent.

After providing an opportunity for a hearing, the state board, on recommendation of the commissioner, may adjust the state subsidy to an administrative unit when, in the opinion of the board, the expenditures for education in such unit show evidence of manipulation to gain an unfair advantage or are adjudged excessive.

1957, c. 364, § 1; c. 443, § 1; 1963, c. 395.

§ 1902. Reimbursement for professional credits

Whenever any certified teacher completes, within any 2-year period, 6 credit hours of additional professional work approved by the commissioner and receives supplementary financial assistance in an amount not less than \$50 from an administrative unit, said unit shall receive reimbursement of \$50 from the State for such expenditure at the next distribution of state funds. The renewal of each teaching certificate shall be conditional on the completion of at least 6 semester hours of professional study within each period of 5 years, excepting that

1. Teachers qualifying for standard grade certificates. Teachers qualifying for standard grade certificates, completing 18 semester hours of post-baccalaureate study, and teaching successfully for not less than 4 years, and

2. Certified teachers. Certified teachers who have taught successfully for not less than 25 years may be declared eligible to a 10-year term certificate, renewal of which being conditional upon the presentation of evidence of professional improvement acceptable to the commissioner.

If the employment of teachers under permits or other special licenses is authorized by the state board, the said board shall have the authority to prescribe minimum salaries and other regulations for this class of teachers.

1957, c. 364, § 1; c. 443, § 1