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RFD: Education Policy

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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, members of local boards of education are authorized to receive up to six hundred dollars ($600) compensation per month.

Also under existing law, the State Superintendent of Education is required to develop continuing education and training programs for members of local boards of education.

This bill would increase the compensation that members of local boards of education are eligible to receive to nine hundred dollars ($900) per month.

This bill would also require the compensation of a member of a local board of education be placed in escrow if certain continuing education and training requirements are not met, and would revert the funds back to the local board of education if funds remain in escrow when the member leaves his or her office.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to the compensation of members of local boards of education; to amend Section 16-1-26, Code of Alabama 1975;

to repeal Section 16-8-5, Code of Alabama 1975; to increase the maximum compensation for members of local boards of education; to place the compensation of a member of a local board of education in escrow if certain continuing education and training requirements are not met; and to provide procedures if a member of a local board of education leaves office while his or her compensation remains in escrow.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 16-1-26, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§16-1-26

(a) Members of ~~city and county school~~ local boards of education are authorized to receive reasonable compensation for their services, not to exceed ~~six hundred dollars ($600)~~ nine hundred dollars ($900) per month, unless set at a higher figure by a local act, upon approval by a majority vote of the members at the board's annual meeting. Compensation shall be in addition to actual traveling and other necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings and transacting business of the board.

(b) The compensation, actual traveling expenses, and other necessary expenses incurred shall be paid as other ordinary and necessary expenses of the board.

(c) Any individual ~~school board member~~ member of a local board of education~~, at his or her option,~~ may refuse to accept all or any portion of the approved compensation.

(d) The compensation of any member of a local board of education who is not in compliance with the continuing

education and training requirements developed pursuant to Section 16-1-41.1 shall be held in escrow by the local board of education until the member becomes compliant. In the event that a member vacates, resigns from, or otherwise leaves his or her position as a member of the local board of education with any compensation remaining in escrow, those remaining funds shall then revert back to the local board of education."

Section 2. Section 16-8-5, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the compensation of members of county boards of education, is repealed.

Section 3. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2024.