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AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article four, chapter eighteen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to salary classifications for teachers; and allowing fifteen undergraduate credits earned after the effective date of this section at institutions of higher education to be used for advanced salary classification in certain circumstances.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article four, chapter eighteen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. SALARIES, WAGES, AND OTHER BENEFITS.

§18A-4-1. Definitions.

1 For the purpose of this section, salaries shall be defined
2 as: (a) "Basic salaries" which shall mean the salaries paid
3 to teachers with zero years of experience and in accordance
4 with the classification of certification and of training of said
5 teachers; and (b) "advanced salaries" which shall mean the
6 basic salary plus an experience increment based on the allow-
7 able years of experience of the respective teachers in ac-

8 cordance with the schedule established herein for the applicable
9 classification of certification and of training of said teachers.

10 "Classification of certification" means the class or type of
11 certificate issued by the state superintendent of schools under
12 the statutory provisions of this chapter. "Classification of
13 training" means the number of collegiate or graduate hours
14 necessary to meet the requirements stipulated in the defini-
15 tions set forth in the next paragraph in items (2) to (10)
16 inclusive.

17 The column heads of the state minimum salary schedule
18 set forth in section two of this article are defined as follows:

19 (1) "Years of experience" means the number of years the
20 teacher has been employed in the teaching profession, in-
21 cluding active work in educational positions other than
22 the public schools, and service in the armed forces of the
23 United States if the teacher were under contract to teach at
24 the time of his induction. For a registered professional
25 nurse employed by a county board of education, "years of
26 experience" means the number of years the nurse has been
27 employed as a public school health nurse, including active
28 work in a nursing position related to education, and service
29 in the armed forces if the nurse was under contract with the
30 county board at the time of induction. For the purpose of
31 section two of this article, the experience of a teacher or
32 a nurse shall be limited to that allowed under his training
33 classification as found in the minimum salary schedule.

34 (2) "Fourth class" means all certificates previously identi-
35 fied as (a) "certificates secured by examination," (b) "other
36 first grade certificates."

37 (3) "Third class" means all certificates previously identi-
38 fied as (a) "standard normal certificates" and (b) "third
39 class temporary (sixty-four semester hours) certificates."

40 (4) "Second class" means all certificates previously identi-
41 fied as "second class temporary certificates based upon the re-
42 quired ninety-six hours of college work."

43 (5) "A.B." means a bachelor's degree, from an accredited
44 institution of higher education, which has been issued to,

45 or for which the requirements for such have been met by,
46 a person who qualifies for or holds a professional certificate
47 or its equivalent. A registered professional nurse with a
48 bachelor's degree, who is licensed by the West Virginia
49 board of examiners for registered professional nurses and
50 employed by a county board of education, shall be within
51 this classification for payment in accordance with sections
52 two and two-a of this article.

53 (6) "A.B. plus 15" means a bachelor's degree as defined
54 above plus fifteen hours of graduate work, from an accredited
55 institution of higher education certified to do graduate work,
56 in an approved planned program at the graduate level which
57 requirements have been met by a person who qualifies for or
58 holds a professional certificate or its equivalent.

59 (7) "M. A." means a master's degree, earned in an in-
60 stitution of higher education approved to do graduate work,
61 which has been issued to, or the requirements for such
62 have been met by, a person who qualifies for or holds a
63 professional certificate or its equivalent.

64 (8) "M. A. plus 15" means the above-defined master's
65 degree plus fifteen hours of graduate work, earned in an
66 institution of higher education approved to do graduate
67 work, if the person is qualified for or holds a professional
68 certificate or its equivalent.

69 (9) "M. A. plus 30" means the above-defined master's
70 degree plus thirty graduate hours, earned in an institution
71 approved to do graduate work, if the person is qualified for
72 or holds a professional certificate or its equivalent.

73 (10) "Doctorate" means a doctor's degree, earned from a
74 university qualified and approved to confer such a degree,
75 which has been issued to or the requirements for such have
76 been met by a person who qualifies for or holds a professional
77 certificate or its equivalent.

78 Notwithstanding the requirements set forth in subdivisions
79 (6), (8) and (9) of this section relating to hours of graduate
80 work at an institution certified to do such work, fifteen
81 undergraduate credit hours from a regionally accredited

82 institution of higher education, earned after the effective date
83 of this section, may be utilized for advanced salary classifica-
84 tion if such hours are in accordance with (a) the teacher's
85 current classification of certification and of training, (b) a
86 designated instructional shortage area documented by the
87 employing county superintendent, or (c) an identified teaching
88 deficiency documented through the state approved county
89 personnel evaluation system.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis

Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1984.

Todd C. Welch

Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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The within *is approved* this the *26*
day of *March*, 1984.

John P. Dwyer

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