

CHAPTER 214

SCHOOLS

TEACHERS' SALARIES

(H. B. No. 366, by Messrs. Dickerman, Rotruck, Johnson, and
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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SALARIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
TEACHERS AND PROVIDING FUNDS WITH WHICH
TO PAY THE SAME.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. On or before the first day of October in each year the Board of Directors or Board of Education of every school district shall certify to the County Superintendent of Schools of the county wherein such school district is located, the number of teachers employed, or to be employed, in said school district, during the then ensuing school year, the length of time during which the school will be kept open during said year, and the amount of money necessary to pay each of such teachers a salary of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) per month, during the said portion of the year during which said schools are to be kept open. The County Superintendent of Schools shall transmit to the Secretary of each School District in the county a summary of said estimates and a certification as to the required county levy at least ten (10) days before the date designated by law for the district school boards to certify their special levies to the county commissioners.

Directors certify
amounts
necessary

\$75 per month

Superintendent
transmit certifi-
cation of levy
to secretary of
district

Superintendent
certify to
county commis-
sioners neces-
sary amounts

Section 2. On or before the date designated by law for the County Commissioners of each county to levy taxes for county purposes for the ensuing year, the County Superintendent of Schools shall certify to the said Board of County Commissioners, and to the County Treasurer, the amount of money necessary to be levied upon all the taxable property in the county to raise or provide the aggregate amount of all said sums so certified to him by the Board of Education and Boards of Directors of the school districts in the county, for the purpose of paying the said salaries, together with the amount so required by each school district.

Commissioners
levy tax

Maximum levy

Collection of tax

Section 3. The County Commissioners shall, at the time of levying the tax for county purposes, levy on all the taxable property in the county a tax which shall be sufficient to raise and provide the aggregate amount of money so certified by the County Superintendent of Schools, not exceeding, however, five mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of said taxable property. The said tax shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as State and county taxes are collected, except that it shall be receivable in cash only.

General school
fund

Apportionment
to districts

Section 4. The said tax so raised shall constitute a separate fund to be known as the General School Fund, and shall be apportioned among the several school districts in the amounts and proportions so certified by the County Superintendent of Schools; provided, that to any school District which has a school population of forty or less as shown by the school census of the year in which such tax shall be levied, an amount shall be apportioned necessary to pay such salary to as many teachers as the County Superintendent of Schools shall determine. Provided,

further, that to any School District wherein the number of the school population as shown by the said school census, is less than fifteen, the County Superintendent of Schools shall apportion such sum as he shall see fit not less than twenty-two dollars and fifty cents per year per capita of the said school population.

Section 5. The said General School Fund shall be used for the purpose of paying teachers' salaries only, and if, at the end of any fiscal year, there remains in the hands of the County Treasurer to the credit of any school district, any unexpended part of said fund, the same shall be deducted from the amount apportioned to such school district for the next ensuing fiscal year.

Fund used for
salaries

Section 6. The minimum salary that shall be paid to any school teacher in the public schools, except substitute teachers, part time teachers, and teachers of special subjects, shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per month. The minimum salary that shall be paid to any teacher in the public schools, except substitute teachers, part time teachers, and teachers of special subjects, whose educational preparation consists of high school graduation, or its equivalent, as determined by the State Board of Examiners, and two years of specific training for teaching in a normal school, a teachers' college, or the educational department of a college maintaining a technical course in study for teachers which shall be approved for that purpose by the State Board of Examiners, shall be One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per annum, payable in twelve monthly installments; and the minimum salary that shall be paid to any teacher in the public schools, except substitute teachers, part time teachers, and teachers of

Surplus
Minimum salary
\$75 per month

Minimum for
high school
graduates with
two years
special training
\$1,000 per year

Minimum for
high school
graduates with
four years special
training \$1,200
per year

special subjects, whose educational preparation consists of high school graduation, or its equivalent, as determined by the State Board of Examiners, and four years of such specific training, shall be Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) per annum, payable in twelve monthly installments. The aforementioned minimum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per year for teachers who have had two years of specific training, and Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) per year for teachers who have had four years of specific training, shall apply only to teachers in schools whose period of instruction is at least nine school months per year; and if the school year of any school whose teacher has had such specific training is less than nine months, the aforementioned minimum salaries shall be applied pro rata for the time the school is in session, and paid in twelve monthly installments. The Board of Directors of any school district may, at its option, pay in advance one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) months' salary, at the close of any school year, to enable the teacher to attend summer school.

Section 7. If in any county the said maximum rate of levy of five mills on the dollar shall be insufficient to raise or provide sufficient funds with which to pay the minimum salary of Seventy-five Dollars (75.00) per month to every public school teacher within that county, as aforesaid, the County Superintendent of Schools, on or before the first day of June and December in each year, shall certify to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction the said fact, together with the amount necessary to supply the deficiency. If the State Superintendent of Public Instruction after investigation shall be convinced of the necessity as set forth in the certificate of the County Superintendent, it shall be his duty before apportioning the public school income fund

Length of
school year

Advance pay for
normal school
attendance

County tax in-
sufficient to
pay minimum
salary

State
superintendent
apportion amount
to cover
deficiency

of the State, to apportion to such county, in addition to the amount otherwise specified, a sum of money sufficient to supply the amount of such deficiency as ascertained by him, and shall certify said apportionment to the State Auditor. Upon such certificate, the State Auditor shall draw his warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of the County Treasurer of such county for the amount so certified to be paid out of the said public school income fund. The sum of money so paid into the treasury of the county shall be, by the County Treasurer, placed in the said General School Fund and used for the payment of teachers' salaries only. The remainder of said public school income fund shall be apportioned as provided by law.

Warrants for
payment

Section 8. Nothing in this Act shall prevent any Board of Education or the Board of Directors of any school district from certifying, to the county commissioners a special school budget, on which a special school tax is to be levied on the taxable property within its district, for the payment of teachers' salaries and other expenses allowed by law in excess of the minimum sums herein specified.

Special school
budget not
affected

Section 9. Section 5893 of the Revised Statutes of Colorado of 1908, an Act entitled "An Act relating to the increase of salary for the teachers of the State of Colorado," approved March 28, 1919, and all other Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Acts repealed

Section 10. The General Assembly hereby declares that this Act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety. Approved April 11, 1921.

Safety clause