PART X. BONUSES FOR TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL IN SCHOOLS FOR STUDENTS WITH VISUAL AND HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

SECTION 10.(a) No later than April 30, 2021, the Department of Public Instruction, within funds available, shall administer a one-time lump sum bonus of three hundred fifty dollars ($350.00) to every teacher who, as of April 1, 2021, is employed as a teacher in a school for students with visual and hearing impairments. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the bonuses provided pursuant to this section will complement the bonuses provided to other teachers in Section 2 of S.L. 2020-45.

SECTION 10.(b) As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) Teacher. – Teachers and instructional support personnel.

(2) School for students with visual and hearing impairments. – A public school governed by the State Board of Education under Article 9C of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes.

SECTION 10.(c) The bonuses awarded pursuant to this section shall be in addition to any regular wage or other bonus the teacher receives or is scheduled to receive.

SECTION 10.(d) Notwithstanding G.S. 135-1(7a), the bonuses awarded pursuant to this section are not compensation under Article 1 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes, Retirement System for Teachers and State Employees.

SECTION 10.(e) The bonuses awarded pursuant to this section do not apply to any teacher no longer employed as a teacher due to resignation, dismissal, reduction in force, death, or retirement or whose last workday is prior to April 1, 2021.

SECTION 10.(f) Funds provided pursuant to this section shall supplement the compensation of a public school employee and shall not supplant any existing compensation funds.
PART XI. EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 11. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.".

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