



HOUSE BILL 762: School Social Workers/Master's Pay.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 30, 2023
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 762 would provide salary supplements to school social workers who have master's degrees or higher degrees.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S524, as introduced by Sen. Waddell, which is currently in Senate Appropriations/Base Budget.]

CURRENT LAW: Except for certified school nurses and instructional support personnel in positions for which a master's degree is required for licensure, no teachers or instructional support personnel can be paid on the "M" salary schedule or receive a salary supplement for academic preparation at the six-year degree level or at the doctoral degree level unless the individual was paid on that salary schedule or received that salary supplement prior to the 2014-2015 school year. Master's degrees are not required for employment as a school social worker.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 762 would direct that certified school social workers with master's degrees or higher degrees be paid on the "M" salary schedule or receive a salary supplement for academic preparation at the six-year degree level or at the doctoral degree level.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective July 1, 2023, and would apply beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

BACKGROUND: The education-based salary supplement for master's degrees or higher degrees was repealed by the General Assembly in 2013.

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