

1 (a) The state board shall become a Medicaid provider and seek
2 out Medicaid eligible students for the purpose of providing
3 Medicaid and related services to students eligible under the
4 Medicaid program and to maximize federal reimbursement for all
5 services available under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of
6 1989, as it relates to Medicaid expansion and any future expansions
7 in the Medicaid program for Medicaid and related services for which
8 state dollars are or will be expended: *Provided*, That the state
9 board may delegate this provider status and subsequent
10 reimbursement to regional educational service agencies (RESA)
11 and/or county boards: *Provided, however*, That annually the state
12 board shall report to the Legislature the number and age of
13 children eligible for Medicaid, the number and age of children with
14 Medicaid coverage, the types of Medicaid eligible services
15 provided, the frequency of services provided, the Medicaid dollars
16 reimbursed; and the problems encountered in the implementation of
17 this system and that this report shall be on a county by county
18 basis and made available no later than January 1, 1992, and
19 annually thereafter.

20 (b) The state board shall appoint and convene a School Health
21 Services Advisory Committee to advise the Secretary of Health and
22 Human Resources and the state superintendent on ways to improve the
23 ability of regional education service agencies, local school
24 boards, and Department of Health and Human Resources employees to

1 provide Medicaid eligible children with all the school-based
2 Medicaid services for which they are eligible and to ensure that
3 the school-based Medicaid service providers bill for and receive
4 all the Medicaid reimbursement to which they are entitled. The
5 committee shall consist of at least the following individuals: The
6 person within the department of education responsible for
7 coordinating the provision of and billing for school-based Medicaid
8 services in schools throughout the state, who shall provide
9 secretarial, administrative and technical support to the advisory
10 committee; the person within the Department of Health and Human
11 Resources responsible for coordinating the enrollment of Medicaid
12 eligible school children throughout the state; two representatives
13 of regional education services agencies who are experienced with
14 the process of billing Medicaid for school-based health services;
15 two Department of Health and Human Resources employees responsible
16 for supervising employees, two persons jointly appointed by the
17 Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the state
18 superintendent; and one representative of the Governor's task force
19 on school health.

20 The School Health Services Advisory Committee shall meet in
21 the first instance at the direction of the state superintendent,
22 select a chairperson from among its members, and meet thereafter at
23 the direction of the chairperson. The committee shall report its
24 findings and recommendations to the state board and Department of

1 Health and Human Resources, which findings shall then be included
2 in the report to the Legislature by the state board and Department
3 of Health and Human Resources provided ~~for~~ in subsection (a) of
4 this section.

5 All actual and necessary travel expenses of the members of the
6 committee shall be reimbursed by the member's employing agency, for
7 those members not employed by a state agency, the member's actual
8 and necessary travel expenses shall be paid by the state board.

9 All such expenses shall be reimbursed in the same manner as the
10 expenses of state employees are reimbursed.

11 (c) Seven percent from all Medicaid reimbursements received
12 pursuant to this section for services provided after July 1, 2011,
13 is reserved and may be utilized by county boards for the purposes
14 of providing a salary supplement for providers of Medicaid eligible
15 services in the public schools pursuant to section four, article
16 four, chapter eighteen-a of this code.

17 **CHAPTER 18A. SCHOOL PERSONNEL.**

18 **ARTICLE 4. SALARIES, WAGES AND OTHER BENEFITS.**

19 **§18A-4-4. Minimum salary schedule for teachers having specialized**
20 **training; county salary supplement for providers of**
21 **Medicaid eligible services.**

22 (a) The State Board of Education shall establish the minimum
23 salary schedule for teachers where specialized training may be

1 required for vocational, technical and adult education, and such
2 other permits as may be authorized by said board.

3 **(b)** On and after July 1, 1985, any vocational industrial,
4 technical, occupational home economics, or health occupations
5 teacher who is required to hold a vocational certificate and is
6 paid a salary equivalent to the amount prescribed for "A.B. + 15"
7 training classification in the state minimum salary schedule for
8 teachers under section two of this article shall, upon application
9 therefor, receive advanced salary classification and be entitled to
10 increased compensation on and after such date in respect to and
11 based upon additional semester hours, approved by the State Board
12 of Education and completed either prior to or subsequent to such
13 date. All such hours earned must be from a regionally accredited
14 institution of higher education.

15 The advanced salary classification shall be as follows:

16 (1) Those who have earned fifteen such additional semester
17 hours shall receive an amount equal to that prescribed for the
18 "M.A." training classification under section two of this article.

19 (2) Those who have earned thirty such additional semester
20 hours shall receive an amount equal to that prescribed for the
21 "M.A. + 15" training classification under section two of this
22 article.

23 (3) Those who have earned forty-five such additional semester
24 hours shall receive an amount equal to that prescribed for the

1 "M.A. + 30" training classification under section two of this
2 article.

3 (4) Those who have earned sixty such additional semester hours
4 shall receive an amount equal to that prescribed for the "M.A. +
5 45" training classification under section two of this article.

6 Any such teacher who has a permanent vocational certificate
7 and who has earned or earns a bachelor's degree prior or subsequent
8 to the issuance of such certificate shall be entitled to receive
9 the amount prescribed for the "M.A. + 30" training classification
10 upon application: *Provided*, That any such teacher who has a
11 permanent vocational certificate and who has earned or earns
12 fifteen graduate hours prior or subsequent to the issuance of such
13 certificate shall be entitled to receive the amount prescribed for
14 the "M.A. + 45" training classification upon application therefor,
15 such advanced salary to take effect immediately upon qualification
16 therefor: *Provided, however*, That any vocational teacher receiving
17 the amount prescribed for the "M.A. + 30" training classification
18 under prior enactments of this section who have not been issued a
19 permanent vocational certificate shall not have such salary reduced
20 as a result of this section: *Provided further*, That any teacher
21 with a vocational certificate and under contract for the school
22 year 1985 through 1986 who has earned a bachelor's degree prior to
23 the end of such school year shall be entitled to receive the amount
24 prescribed for the "M.A. + 30" training classification, upon

1 application therefor, for the school year beginning on the July 1,
2 1986, and thereafter.

3 (c) No teacher holding a valid professional certificate shall
4 incur a salary reduction resulting from assignment out of the
5 teacher's field by the superintendent, with the approval of the
6 county board, under any authorization or regulation of the state
7 board.

8 (d) From the percentage of Medicaid reimbursements received by
9 the county board and reserved for utilization for a Medicaid
10 service provider salary supplement pursuant to section five-b,
11 article two, chapter eighteen of this code, each county board shall
12 semiannually distribute a salary supplement to employees of the
13 county who provide Medicaid eligible services. The amount of the
14 supplement to each employee shall be determined by dividing the
15 amount of the reimbursements that are accounted for by each type of
16 Medicaid eligible service during that six-month period equally
17 among all employees who provide that type of Medicaid eligible
18 service.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide a salary supplement for providers of Medicaid eligible services in the public schools and, additionally, providing the financing therefor.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.