

HB 1626 -- MINIMUM TEACHER SALARY

SPONSOR: Cookson

This bill raises the minimum teacher salary beginning in school year 2017-18 from \$25,000 to \$30,000, subject to appropriation. The minimum salary for the holder of a master's degree with at least 10 years' teaching experience is raised from \$32,000 to \$35,000, subject to appropriation, beginning in the 2016-17 school year if the degree is in a field directly related to the teacher's assignment.

The Minimum Teacher Salary Fund is created for moneys appropriated to be distributed to each school district on the basis of the difference between the required minimum salary and the salary reported by the district on core data for each teacher who does not make the minimum salary. If the appropriation is insufficient to meet the need, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education must prorate the appropriated amount so that the shortfall is equally distributed among all eligible teachers.

This bill is similar to HB 957 (2015).