

Legislative sessions: New teacher pay scale HB 530



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This was the eleventh week of the 2022 Legislative Session. Because it is late in the session,

much of the week was spent deciding whether to concur with any changes made to House bills by the Senate or to invite conference on those bills.

That process worked its way out in some very good news for Mississippi public school educators on Wednesday. The conferees on House Bill 530 held an open meeting to discuss the suggested changes made by the Senate members after the House sent our version to them the Thursday before.

Despite rumors of hard feelings and anger between the two chambers on this issue, those of us who attended that meeting saw nothing but friendly discussions with a solid agreement that every single member at the table wanted to get our teachers the best raise possible. And that's what they did.

The raises average about \$5,000 beginning in July with solid step increases

through their careers. Later that afternoon, both chambers signed off on the amended measure and filed them. We are expecting the House to vote to approve the conference report this week.

It will then be sent to the Governor.

It is high time that our teachers were paid what they are worth to Mississippi.

I am proud to have co-sponsored House Bill 530. After we get that issue addressed, my colleagues and I intend to address other issues to improve our public schools. Issues like teaching instead of testing, offering mental health services to students and teachers, and offering community schools in our rural areas. Community schools exist to offer citizens a place to center their community life in addition

to the daytime use of school buildings as classrooms.

Importantly, we also introduced House Concurrent Resolution 77, condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine. HCR

bills, which offer municipalities and other areas the right to raise monies through bonds and other means. General local and private bills' deadline for introduction is Friday, March 25. This weekend will also be conference weekend when the legislature will work to finalize the budget.

I was proud to welcome the Mississippi Association of Educators to the Capitol on Wednesday. They were on the front row during the conference committee meeting that resulted in the signed and filed teacher pay raise reports.

Two important musicians were honored by the House this week. On Wednesday, songwriter and Tupelo native Tommy Barnes visited the Capitol where he serenaded members with some original tunes. Thursday, the House was visited by Lynyrd Skynyrd guitarist Rickey Medlocke, who now resides in Olive Branch with his wife. The House presented Mr. Medlocke with House Resolution 23, which commends him on his successful music career.

Please make sure to watch my Facebook for daily updates as the Session comes to a close, and feel free to reach out to me anytime at tmiles@house.ms.gov.

Years of Experience	A Classification (Bachelor's Degree)		AA Classification (Master's Degree)		AAA Classification (Specialist Degree)		AAAA Classification (Doctorate)	
	Current Salary	HB 530 Conference Report	Current Salary	HB 530 Conference Report	Current Salary	HB 530 Conference Report	Current Salary	HB 530 Conference Report
0	\$37,000	\$41,500	\$39,280	\$43,000	\$40,444	\$44,000	\$41,608	\$45,200
1	\$37,000	\$41,900	\$39,280	\$43,325	\$40,444	\$44,350	\$41,608	\$45,600
2	\$37,000	\$42,300	\$39,280	\$44,050	\$40,444	\$45,100	\$41,608	\$46,400
3	\$37,385	\$42,700	\$39,940	\$44,575	\$41,171	\$45,650	\$42,402	\$47,300
4	\$37,880	\$43,100	\$40,600	\$45,100	\$41,898	\$46,200	\$43,196	\$47,800
5	\$38,375	\$43,500	\$41,260	\$45,350	\$42,625	\$47,500	\$43,990	\$48,300
6	\$38,870	\$44,000	\$41,920	\$46,875	\$43,352	\$48,050	\$44,784	\$49,850
7	\$39,365	\$44,500	\$42,580	\$47,400	\$44,079	\$48,600	\$45,578	\$50,450
8	\$39,860	\$45,000	\$43,240	\$47,925	\$44,806	\$49,150	\$46,372	\$51,050
9	\$40,355	\$45,500	\$43,900	\$48,450	\$45,533	\$49,700	\$47,166	\$51,650
10	\$40,850	\$46,000	\$44,560	\$49,000	\$46,260	\$50,300	\$47,960	\$52,250
11	\$41,345	\$46,500	\$45,220	\$50,225	\$46,987	\$51,550	\$48,754	\$53,000
12	\$41,840	\$47,000	\$45,880	\$50,750	\$47,714	\$52,100	\$49,548	\$53,600
13	\$42,335	\$47,500	\$46,540	\$51,275	\$48,441	\$52,650	\$50,342	\$54,800
14	\$42,830	\$48,000	\$47,200	\$51,800	\$49,168	\$53,200	\$51,136	\$55,400
15	\$43,325	\$48,500	\$47,860	\$53,050	\$49,895	\$54,500	\$51,930	\$56,300
16	\$43,820	\$50,300	\$48,520	\$53,575	\$50,622	\$55,050	\$52,724	\$57,350
17	\$44,315	\$50,700	\$49,180	\$54,100	\$51,349	\$55,600	\$53,518	\$57,950
18	\$44,810	\$51,100	\$49,840	\$54,625	\$52,076	\$56,150	\$54,312	\$58,550
19	\$45,305	\$51,500	\$50,500	\$55,150	\$52,803	\$56,700	\$55,106	\$59,150
20	\$45,800	\$52,700	\$51,160	\$56,400	\$53,530	\$58,000	\$55,900	\$60,500
21	\$46,295	\$53,100	\$51,820	\$56,925	\$54,257	\$58,550	\$56,694	\$61,100
22	\$46,790	\$53,500	\$52,480	\$57,450	\$54,984	\$59,100	\$57,488	\$61,700
23	\$47,285	\$53,900	\$53,140	\$57,975	\$55,711	\$59,650	\$58,282	\$62,300
24	\$47,780	\$54,300	\$53,800	\$58,500	\$56,438	\$60,200	\$59,076	\$62,900
25	\$50,335	\$56,800	\$56,520	\$61,000	\$59,225	\$62,700	\$61,930	\$65,400
26	\$50,830	\$57,200	\$57,180	\$61,525	\$59,952	\$63,250	\$62,724	\$66,000
27	\$51,325	\$57,600	\$57,840	\$62,050	\$60,679	\$63,800	\$63,518	\$66,600
28	\$51,820	\$58,000	\$58,500	\$62,575	\$61,406	\$64,350	\$64,312	\$67,200
29	\$52,315	\$58,400	\$59,160	\$63,100	\$62,133	\$64,900	\$65,106	\$67,800
30	\$52,810	\$58,800	\$59,820	\$63,625	\$62,860	\$65,450	\$65,900	\$68,400
31	\$53,305	\$59,200	\$60,480	\$64,150	\$63,587	\$66,000	\$66,694	\$69,000
32	\$53,800	\$59,600	\$61,140	\$64,675	\$64,314	\$66,550	\$67,488	\$69,600
33	\$54,295	\$60,000	\$61,800	\$65,200	\$65,041	\$67,100	\$68,282	\$70,200
34	\$54,790	\$60,400	\$62,460	\$65,725	\$65,768	\$67,650	\$69,076	\$70,800
35	\$55,285	\$60,800	\$63,120	\$66,250	\$66,495	\$68,200	\$69,870	\$71,400
36+	\$55,285	\$60,800	\$63,120	\$66,250	\$66,495	\$68,200	\$69,870	\$71,400

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77 passed with a unanimous vote of 118-0 and has been sent to the Senate. Every Representative asked to be listed as a co-sponsor on this bill.

Friday was the deadline for the House to introduce local and private revenue

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