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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 793

5 By: Senator Teague  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN  
9 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNITION PAYMENTS; AND  
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

13 TO REVISE THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN  
14 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNITION  
15 PAYMENTS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-15-205 is amended to read as follows:

22 14-15-205. Professional development recognition payments.

23 (a)(1) County assessors ~~and, full-time~~ employees of county assessors'  
24 offices, and state employees who actively work with ad valorem taxes shall  
25 become eligible for professional development recognition payments upon  
26 completion of the requirements enumerated in subsection (b) of this section  
27 for each year the employee is employed full time in the county assessor's  
28 office.

29 (2) Such payments shall be made from appropriated funds pro rata  
30 to eligible county assessors ~~and, full-time~~ employees of county assessors'  
31 offices, and state employees who actively work with ad valorem taxes up to  
32 the designated amounts from such funds as may be specifically appropriated  
33 for such payments.

34 (b)(1)(A)(i) County assessors ~~and their, full-time~~ employees of county  
35 assessors' offices, and state employees who actively work with ad valorem  
36 taxes designated as senior appraisers, level 4, by the Assessment



1 Coordination Department shall receive annually, to the extent moneys are  
2 available, a professional development recognition payment in an amount not to  
3 exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

4 (ii) County assessors ~~and their, full-time~~ employees  
5 of county assessors' offices, and state employees who actively work with ad  
6 valorem taxes designated as senior appraiser managers, level 4, by the  
7 department shall receive annually, to the extent moneys are available, a  
8 professional development recognition payment in an amount not to exceed seven  
9 hundred fifty dollars (\$750).

10 (B) A senior appraiser, level 4, with four (4) years of  
11 appraisal experience may serve as an appraisal or reappraisal manager in a  
12 county if the appraiser complies with the standards established by the  
13 department.

14 (2) To the extent moneys are available, county assessors ~~and~~  
15 ~~their, full-time~~ employees of county assessors' offices, and state employees  
16 who actively work with ad valorem taxes designated as certified residential  
17 appraisers by the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board or as  
18 cadastral mapping specialists by the International Association of Assessing  
19 Officers shall annually receive a professional development recognition  
20 payment in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

21 (3) To the extent moneys are available, county assessors ~~and~~  
22 ~~their, full-time~~ employees of county assessors' offices, and state employees  
23 who actively work with ad valorem taxes designated as certified general  
24 appraisers by the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board or as  
25 certified assessment evaluators by the International Association of Assessing  
26 Officers shall annually receive a professional development recognition  
27 payment in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

28 (c)(1) A county assessor ~~or, full-time~~ employee, or state employee who  
29 actively works with ad valorem taxes is eligible for only one (1)  
30 professional development recognition payment annually.

31 (2) To the extent moneys are available, if any county assessor  
32 ~~or, full-time~~ employee, or state employee who actively works with ad valorem  
33 taxes is eligible for professional development recognition payments in two  
34 (2) or more categories enumerated in subsection (b) of this section, he or  
35 she shall annually receive the professional development recognition payment  
36 in the amount of the higher recognition payment category.

1 (d)(1) In order to be eligible to receive a professional development  
2 recognition payment, the county assessor ~~or county assessor's~~, full-time  
3 employee, or state employee who actively works with ad valorem taxes shall  
4 present proof of the appropriate agency's designation and proof that the  
5 appropriate agency's designation has been maintained for a minimum of twelve  
6 (12) months before the June 30 for which the payment is being requested to  
7 the Director of the Assessment Coordination Department, who shall authorize  
8 payment to the county assessor or employee no later than July 15.

9 (2) In order to receive professional development recognition  
10 payments in subsequent years, the county assessor or employee shall annually  
11 present proof to the director by June 1 that he or she has fulfilled the  
12 requirements to maintain a professional designation and that the employee has  
13 been a full-time county assessor or assessment employee for the previous year  
14 and continues to be a full-time assessor or employee.

15 (e) Professional development recognition payments authorized by this  
16 section shall be subject to withholding of all applicable state and federal  
17 taxes but shall not be included by retirement systems in determining  
18 benefits.

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