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A Bill

SENATE BILL 793

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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

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14 TO REVISE THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN
15 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNITION
16 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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