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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public school personnel; creating s.
3 1012.221, F.S.; requiring minimum beginning and average
4 teacher salaries to be no less than the national average
5 by the 2010-2011 school year; providing requirements for
6 salary increases and responsibility for payment thereof;
7 providing an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Section 1012.221, Florida Statutes, is created
12 to read:

13 1012.221 Minimum salaries for public school teachers.--

14 (1) By the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year:

15 (a) The beginning salary for full-time public school
16 teachers shall be no less than the national average beginning
17 salary for full-time public school teachers as determined by the
18 United States Department of Education.

19 (b) The average salary for full-time public school teachers
20 shall be no less than the national average salary for full-time
21 public school teachers as determined by the United States
22 Department of Education.

23 (2) Increases in the beginning and the average full-time
24 public school teacher salaries shall be independent of employee
25 benefits and shall not alter, jeopardize, or decrease existing
26 employee benefits. Payment of the costs associated with
27 increasing beginning and average teacher salaries is the
28 responsibility of the state and not of school districts. Nothing
29 in this section shall impair collective bargaining.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.