



SENATE BILL 257: 2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 7A.8: Bonuses for Principals

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Analysis of: S.L. 2026-41, Sec. 7A.8

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Section 7A.8 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) codifies a bonus program for principals who supervise schools that were in the top 50% of school growth in the State during the previous school year as calculated by the State Board of Education, as follows:

<u>Growth Percentage</u>	<u>Bonus</u>
Top 5%	\$15,000
Top 10%	\$10,000
Top 15%	\$5,000
Top 20%	\$2,500
Top 50%	\$1,000

Principals will receive one bonus of the highest amount for which the principal qualifies. Bonuses are paid in addition to regular wages by no later than October 31 of each year.

This section became effective July 1, 2026.

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