

HOUSE BILL No. 4579

May 3, 2017, Introduced by Rep. Kosowski and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to establish a stipend program for certain student teachers; to establish a student teacher stipend fund and to provide for its administration; and to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "student teacher stipend act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Authority" means the Michigan finance authority created
5 within the department by Executive Reorganization Order No. 2010-2,
6 MCL 12.194.

7 (b) "Department" means the department of treasury.

8 (c) "Fund" means the student teacher stipend fund created in
9 section 11.

1 (d) "Public school" means that term as defined in section 5 of
2 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

3 (e) "Stipend" means money awarded to an individual under this
4 act in an amount determined under section 9.

5 (f) "Student teacher" means an individual who meets all of the
6 following:

7 (i) Is a student enrolled in a teacher preparation institution
8 approved by the state pursuant to section 1538a of the revised
9 school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1538a.

10 (ii) Is studying to be a teacher at the institution described
11 in subparagraph (i) in a program approved by the state pursuant to
12 section 1538a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
13 380.1538a.

14 (iii) As a required part of the program described in
15 subparagraph (ii), observes classroom instruction or does closely
16 supervised teaching in a public school for at least 3 hours per
17 day.

18 Sec. 5. The student teacher stipend program is created within
19 the department, to be administered by the authority. Subject to
20 appropriation, the authority shall do all of the following:

21 (a) Award stipends to eligible student teachers under this
22 act.

23 (b) Develop an application form and application process for
24 student teachers applying for stipends under this act.

25 (c) Promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act
26 pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306,
27 MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

1 Sec. 7. The authority may award a stipend under section 9 to
2 an individual determined by the authority to meet all of the
3 following eligibility criteria:

4 (a) Is a student teacher.

5 (b) Is a legal resident of this state.

6 (c) Has submitted a stipend application to the authority on or
7 before a date prescribed by the authority. The stipend application
8 must include a certification that the applicant meets the
9 eligibility criteria described in this section.

10 (d) Meets any other requirements established by the authority.

11 Sec. 9. (1) The authority shall award an individual eligible
12 under section 7 a stipend under this subsection. Subject to
13 adjustment under subsection (2), the maximum amount of the stipend
14 is \$40.00 per day that the individual serves as a student teacher.

15 (2) In any state fiscal year, the authority may adjust the
16 amount of each stipend under subsection (1) based upon its
17 determination of money available from the fund and from
18 appropriations in that fiscal year.

19 Sec. 11. (1) There is created the student teacher stipend fund
20 as a separate fund in the state treasury, to be administered by the
21 department. The department may accept money for the fund from any
22 source except the school aid fund created in section 11 of article
23 IX of the state constitution of 1963. The state treasurer shall
24 deposit that money and credit the amount to the fund. The
25 department shall use the fund only to provide money to the
26 authority for stipends awarded under this act.

27 (2) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the

1 fund money and shall credit earnings to the fund.

2 (3) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not
3 revert to the general fund but shall be carried over in the fund to
4 the next fiscal year.

5 Sec. 13. Before February 1 of each year, the authority shall
6 report to the senate and house committees that have the
7 responsibility for education legislation all of the following:

8 (a) The number of individuals who received a stipend under
9 this act.

10 (b) A list of the public schools at which stipend recipients
11 served as student teachers.

12 (c) A list of institutions at which stipend recipients were
13 studying to become teachers.

14 (d) The average total amount paid to each stipend recipient.

15 (e) Any other data to support the operation and effectiveness
16 of the program.

17 Sec. 15. A recipient of a stipend under this act who submits a
18 false or misleading application or other false or misleading
19 information to the authority may be required to repay the total
20 amount of the stipend that he or she received, plus interest in
21 accordance with section 23 of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.23.