

SENATE BILL No. 766

January 25, 2018, Introduced by Senators BIEDA, GREGORY, HOOD, YOUNG, HOPGOOD, ANANICH, HERTEL, KNEZEK, WARREN and JOHNSON and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to establish a student teachers stipend program for eligible student teachers in certain at-risk schools; to establish a student teachers 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 teachers stipend act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "At-risk school" means a public or nonpublic elementary or
5 secondary school where at least 50% of students at the school meet
6 the income eligibility criteria for the free or reduced-priced

1 lunch program in the immediately preceding state fiscal year, as
2 determined under the national school lunch act, 42 USC 1751 to
3 1769j.

4 (b) "Department" means the department of education created
5 under sections 300 to 305 of the executive organization act of
6 1965, 1965 PA 380, MCL 16.400 to 16.405.

7 (c) "Fund" means the student teachers stipend fund created in
8 section 6.

9 (d) "Stipend" means money awarded to an individual under this
10 act in an amount determined under section 5.

11 Sec. 3. The student teachers stipend program is created, to be
12 administered by the department. Subject to appropriation, the
13 department shall do all of the following:

14 (a) Award stipends to eligible student teachers under this
15 act.

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

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

21 Sec. 4. The department may award a stipend under section 5 to
22 an individual determined by the department to meet all of the
23 following eligibility criteria:

24 (a) Is a legal resident of this state.

25 (b) Has accepted an offer to serve as a student teacher or
26 will continue to serve as a student teacher in an at-risk school in
27 the school's academic year that begins on or after the first July 1

1 following the date of the application.

2 (c) Meets the requirements for student teaching prescribed by
3 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852,
4 including, but not limited to, those requirements prescribed by
5 sections 1531(14) and 1531b of the revised school code, 1976 PA
6 451, MCL 380.1531 and 380.1531b.

7 (d) Has submitted a stipend application to the department by
8 July 1. The stipend application must include a certification that
9 the applicant meets the eligibility criteria described in this
10 section.

11 (e) Has met any other requirements established by the
12 department.

13 Sec. 5. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the department shall
14 award an individual eligible under section 4 a stipend not to
15 exceed \$1,000.00 per academic year.

16 (2) In any state fiscal year, the department may adjust the
17 amount of each stipend under subsection (1) on a pro rata basis,
18 based upon its determination of money available from the fund and
19 from appropriations in that fiscal year.

20 Sec. 6. (1) There is created the student teachers stipend fund
21 as a separate fund in the state treasury, to be administered by the
22 department of treasury. The department of treasury may accept money
23 for the fund from any source. The state treasurer shall deposit
24 that money and credit the amount to the fund. The department of
25 treasury shall use the fund only to provide money to the department
26 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.