

HOUSE BILL NO. 6020

April 14, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Kahle, Bezotte, Breen, Borton, O'Neal and Stone and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to establish a student mental health apprenticeship retention and training (SMART) internship grant program; to prescribe conditions for the administration of the student mental health apprenticeship retention and training (SMART) internship grant program; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments; and to require the promulgation of rules.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Debt or expenses repayment" means debt or expenses
3 connected to a recipient's student loans.

4 (b) "Department" means the department of education.

5 (c) "Designated recipient" means an individual who is enrolled
6 in, and in good standing at, as determined by the program, a
7 graduate-level mental health professional program, which includes a
8 department-approved school counselor education or preparation
9 program, school social worker education or preparation program, or
10 school psychology education or preparation program that offers
11 designations, a focus, or special certifications in the provision
12 of school mental health services, and who is working toward
13 obtaining any of the following:

14 (i) A preliminary school psychologist certificate issued by the
15 department under R 380.204 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

16 (ii) A preliminary school psychologist certificate issued by
17 the department under R 380.205 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

18 (iii) A school psychologist certificate issued by the department
19 under R 380.206 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

20 (iv) A school counselor license issued by the department under
21 R 390.1305 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

22 (v) A preliminary school counselor credential issued by the
23 department under R 390.1304 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

24 (vi) A school counseling endorsement issued by the department
25 on his or her teaching certificate.

26 (vii) Temporary or full school social worker approval issued by
27 the department under R 340.1012 of the Michigan Administrative
28 Code.

29 (d) "Extenuating circumstance" means a circumstance determined

1 by the department in consultation with the designated recipient to
2 whom the circumstance applies or who is impacted by the
3 circumstance.

4 (e) "Field supervisor", "field instructor", or "supervisor"
5 means an individual who supervises an eligible designated recipient
6 defined in section 3(2) and to whom the following apply, as
7 applicable:

8 (i) For an individual who is supervising, as described in this
9 subdivision, a designated recipient who is working toward obtaining
10 a preliminary school psychologist certificate described in
11 subdivision (c) (i) or (ii) or a school psychologist certificate
12 described in subdivision (c) (iii), the individual providing
13 supervision maintains a school psychologist certificate described
14 in subdivision (c) (iii) during the supervision.

15 (ii) For an individual who is supervising, as described in this
16 subdivision, a designated recipient who is working toward obtaining
17 temporary or full school social worker approval described in
18 subdivision (c) (vii), the individual providing supervision maintains
19 full school social worker approval described in subdivision (c) (vii)
20 during the supervision.

21 (iii) For an individual who is supervising, as described in this
22 subdivision, a designated recipient who is working toward obtaining
23 a school counselor license as described in subdivision (c) (iv), a
24 preliminary school counselor credential as described in subdivision
25 (c) (v), or a school counselor endorsement issued by the department
26 on his or her teaching certificate as described in subdivision
27 (c) (vi), the individual providing supervision maintains a school
28 counselor license described in subdivision (c) (iv), maintains a

1 school counselor endorsement on his or her teaching certificate as
2 described in subdivision (c) (vi), or is a school counselor educator
3 in a department-approved school counselor preparation program
4 during the supervision.

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

7 (g) "School fiscal year" means a fiscal year that commences
8 July 1 and continues through June 30.

9 (h) "State university" means a state university described in
10 section 4, 5, or 6 of article VIII of the state constitution of
11 1963.

12 (i) "Superintendent of public instruction" means the
13 superintendent of public instruction described in section 3 of
14 article VIII of the state constitution of 1963.

15 (j) "The grant program" means the student mental health
16 apprenticeship retention and training (SMART) internship grant
17 program created in section 3.

18 Sec. 3. (1) The department shall create and administer a
19 student mental health apprenticeship retention and training (SMART)
20 internship grant program to provide grants to designated recipients
21 and to provide grants to field supervisors, field instructors, and
22 supervisors as described in this act. It is the intent of the
23 legislature that the grant program lead to, at a minimum, both of
24 the following:

25 (a) The provision of paid and educationally meaningful
26 internship practicum in school settings for designated recipients.

27 (b) The utilization of funding obtained by a public school
28 under section 310 of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94,
29 MCL 388.16310, as permitted under that section, to hire designated

1 recipients who obtained a grant under this act.

2 (2) The department shall administer grant funding through the
3 grant program to designated recipients through agreements. The
4 agreements described in this subsection must meet the following
5 criteria:

6 (a) Subject to subsection (4), the department shall administer
7 grant funding as described in this subsection in an amount per
8 eligible designated recipient that is equal to \$25.00 per hour for
9 each hour spent in an intern capacity for up to 20 hours per week
10 of an internship in a public school that occurs over a 30-week
11 period in a school year or a lump sum amount equal to \$15,000.00
12 for up to 20 hours per week of an internship in a public school
13 that occurs over a 30-week period in a school year. The lump sum
14 amount described in this subdivision must be paid at the end of the
15 30-week period described in this subdivision. As used in this
16 subdivision, "eligible designated recipient" means a designated
17 recipient to whom both of the following apply:

18 (i) Either of the following:

19 (A) The individual is enrolled in a graduate-level mental
20 health professional program described in section 1(c) who is in the
21 first year of an internship period required by the program and who
22 is serving as a substitute teacher or in a paraprofessional role in
23 a public school as described in this subdivision or who is in a
24 supervised role in a public school as described in this subdivision
25 and following best-practice training and supervision requirements
26 as indicated by national standards set forth by the appropriate
27 national professional organizations. As used in this sub-
28 subparagraph, "supervised role" means a role in which the
29 individual is supervised by a field supervisor, field instructor,

1 or supervisor while he or she is serving in the role.

2 (B) The individual is enrolled in a graduate-level mental
3 health professional program described in section 1(c) who is in the
4 second year of an internship period required by the program and who
5 is in a supervised role in a public school as described in this
6 subdivision and following best-practice training and supervision
7 requirements as indicated by national standards set forth by the
8 appropriate national professional organizations. As used in this
9 sub-subparagraph, "supervised role" means a role in which the
10 individual is supervised by a field supervisor, field instructor,
11 or supervisor while he or she is serving in the role.

12 (ii) At least 1 of the following applies to the individual's
13 work as described under this subdivision:

14 (A) The individual is interning in a discipline that has been
15 designated as critical shortage by the superintendent of public
16 instruction for the immediately preceding school fiscal year under
17 section 38 of the public school employees retirement act of 1979,
18 1980 PA 300, MCL 38.1361.

19 (B) The individual is interning in a public school in which
20 not less than 50% of pupils enrolled are eligible for free or
21 reduced-price meals under the Richard B. Russell national school
22 lunch act, 42 USC 1751 to 1769j.

23 (C) The individual is interning in a public school that
24 received funding under section 22d of the state school aid act of
25 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1622d, in the immediately preceding
26 school fiscal year.

27 (b) Include a requirement that the designated recipient who
28 receives funding through the grant program shall work at a public
29 school for not less than 3 school years but not more than 5 school

1 years as of the date of the agreement.

2 (3) A payment or payments of funding through the grant program
3 must be made as follows to designated recipients, pursuant to an
4 agreement between the designated recipient, the public school in
5 which he or she is interning as described in subsection (2), and
6 the graduate-level mental health professional program described in
7 section 1(c) that he or she is enrolled:

8 (a) On the same pay period or schedule offered to other
9 educational professionals at the public school in which the
10 designated recipient is serving for purposes of qualifying for
11 funding under this act.

12 (b) Through 1 lump-sum payment on the date on which the
13 designated recipient's service for purposes of qualifying for
14 funding under this act ends.

15 (4) Both of the following apply to funding distributions as
16 described in subsection (2), as applicable:

17 (a) For recipients of the funding who receive \$25.00 per hour
18 as described in subsection (2):

19 (i) If the recipient permanently ceases to satisfy the
20 qualification requirements that initially made the recipient
21 eligible for funding under this act either by his or her own
22 initiative, by initiative of the public school in which he or she
23 was interning, or by initiative of the graduate-level mental health
24 professional program described in section 1(c), payments must stop
25 as of the date on which this occurs.

26 (ii) If the recipient temporarily ceases to satisfy the
27 qualification requirements that initially made the recipient
28 eligible for funding under this act because he or she is relocating
29 to intern in another public school or due to a leave of absence,

1 payments must stop during the period which the individual does not
2 meet the requirements, but may be continued when the individual
3 again meets the qualification requirements, but must not be
4 continued beyond 30 weeks from the date the individual initially
5 started his or her internship at the public school under subsection
6 (2).

7 (b) For recipients of the funding who receive the lump sum of
8 \$15,000.00 as described in subsection (2):

9 (i) If the recipient permanently ceases to satisfy the
10 qualification requirements that initially made the recipient
11 eligible for funding under this act either by his or her own
12 initiative, by initiative of the public school in which he or she
13 was interning, or by initiative of the graduate-level mental health
14 professional program described in section 1(c), the recipient may
15 receive a pro rata amount of the lump sum that reflects the number
16 of hours the individual interned at the public school while meeting
17 the qualification requirements for funding under this act.

18 (ii) If the recipient temporarily ceases to satisfy the
19 qualification requirements that initially made the recipient
20 eligible for funding under this act because he or she is relocating
21 to intern in another public school or due to a leave of absence,
22 the individual is still eligible to receive the full amount of the
23 lump sum if he or she completes all of the qualification
24 requirements for funding under this act.

25 (5) The department may, for extenuating circumstances, make a
26 debt or expense repayment to a designated recipient before or
27 during each year of service that the designated recipient will
28 complete or is completing for purposes of qualifying for funding
29 under this act.

1 (6) Each state university that designated recipients are
2 enrolled in for the graduate-level mental health professional
3 program described in section 1(c) may continue implementing any
4 existing evaluation processes required as part of any
5 certification, licensing, or approval requirements associated with
6 serving as a school mental health professional. For purposes of
7 this act, the results from an evaluation described in this
8 subsection may be used as a reason for the individual's
9 disqualification for grant funding under this act.

10 (7) A designated recipient that receives a grant under this
11 act shall submit any evaluations he or she receives as described in
12 subsection (6) and any evaluations received from the public school
13 in which he or she is interning as described in subsection (2) to
14 the department. Upon receiving an evaluation as described in this
15 subsection, the department shall determine whether the designated
16 recipient is still eligible to receive grant funding under this
17 section or whether the recipient is subject to subsection (4) and
18 shall notify the recipient of its determination.

19 (8) The department shall administer grant funding through the
20 grant program to field supervisors, field instructors, or
21 supervisors. A grant to a field supervisor, field instructor, or
22 supervisor under this subsection must not exceed \$250.00 for each
23 designated recipient that he or she supervises.

24 (9) A designated recipient who receives a grant under this act
25 is not prohibited from applying for another grant under this act if
26 he or she meets the qualifications for grant funding under this
27 act.

28 Sec. 5. The department shall promulgate any rules necessary
29 for the implementation of this act.

1 Sec. 7. The department shall report to the house and senate
2 appropriations subcommittees on the department of education, the
3 house and senate fiscal agencies, the governor, and the advisory
4 council described in section 31n of the state school aid act of
5 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1631n, the status and outcomes of the
6 grant program.