

# SENATE BILL NO. 83

February 12, 2025, Introduced by Senator CHANG and referred to Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled  
"The state school aid act of 1979,"  
by amending section 27c (MCL 388.1627c), as amended by 2024 PA 120.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 27c. (1) From the state school aid fund money  
2       appropriated in section 11, there is allocated \$30,000,000.00 for  
3       2024-2025 and from the educator fellowship public provider fund  
4       money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated \$20,000,000.00  
5       for 2024-2025 for the MI future educator student teacher stipend  
6       program. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the funds

1 allocated under this section must be paid to eligible educator  
2 preparation programs for payments to eligible student teachers  
3 working in a district **or a qualifying publicly funded preschool**  
4 **program in this state**. At the close of the fiscal year, state  
5 school aid fund money allocated under this section that is unspent  
6 must be deposited into the educator fellowship public provider fund  
7 in section 27d.

8 (2) An eligible student teacher under this subsection must  
9 meet all of the following:

10 (a) The individual must be admitted to an eligible educator  
11 preparation program, be working toward a teacher certification, be  
12 participating in required student teaching coursework, and be  
13 maintaining satisfactory academic progress. As used in this  
14 subdivision, "required student teaching coursework" means credit  
15 hours, or the program equivalent, required by an eligible educator  
16 preparation program for successful completion of the program. This  
17 coursework must include regular placement in a district **or a**  
18 **qualifying publicly funded preschool program in this state** where  
19 the ~~student-individual~~ gains real-world, ~~first-hand~~ **firsthand**  
20 experience working in a classroom, teaching students, engaging in  
21 the day-to-day activities of a certified teacher, and working daily  
22 under the guidance of a certified teacher.

23 (b) The individual must timely complete an application in a  
24 form and manner prescribed by the department of lifelong education,  
25 advancement, and potential. The application must include the  
26 district **or the qualifying publicly funded preschool program in**  
27 **this state** in which the individual is working as a student teacher  
28 and must include a certification by the district **or the qualifying**  
29 **publicly funded preschool program in this state** and the

individual's eligible educator preparation program that the ~~student~~  
**individual** is working as a student teacher. ~~If the individual's~~  
~~eligible educator preparation program is not provided by a public~~  
~~institution of higher education, the district in which the~~  
~~individual is working must also provide an assurance that they will~~  
~~forward any amount received under this section from the department~~  
~~of lifelong education, advancement, and potential for purposes of~~  
~~the program described in this section to the individual's eligible~~  
~~educator preparation program.~~

(c) The individual must not have received a payment from funds  
under this subsection previously, unless the individual is enrolled  
in an eligible educator preparation program that requires multiple  
semesters of student teaching.

(d) If an individual is employed by ~~their~~ **the individual's**  
district **or qualifying publicly funded preschool program in this**  
**state** as a teacher of record, ~~they are~~ **the individual is** not  
eligible for payment under this section.

(e) An individual that is a current City Year corps member  
enrolled in an eligible educator preparation program is eligible  
for payment under this section.

(3) The department of lifelong education, advancement, and  
potential shall pay each eligible educator preparation program  
**provided by a public institution of higher education** an amount not  
to exceed \$9,600.00 per academic semester for each eligible student  
teacher ~~working~~ **placed** in a district **or a qualifying publicly**  
**funded preschool program in this state.**

(4) If ~~the~~ **an** individual's eligible educator preparation  
program is not provided by a public institution of higher  
education, the department of lifelong education, advancement, and

potential shall pay an amount not to exceed \$9,600.00 per academic semester **for each eligible student teacher who is placed in a district or a qualifying publicly funded preschool program in this state to the 1 of the following:**

(a) **The** district in which the individual is ~~working~~ placed as a student teacher. ~~, and that district~~

(b) **The intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts that provides funding under section 32d to the qualifying publicly funded preschool program in this state in which the individual is placed as a student teacher.**

(c) **An intermediate district or consortium of intermediate districts.**

(5) **The recipient of funds under subsection (4)** must forward the amount received to the individual's eligible educator preparation program.

(6) If funding allocated under this section is insufficient to fully fund all eligible student teachers, the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential shall first award funding for eligible student teachers who are also Pell grant recipients and then shall distribute funding in the order in which applications were received. It is intended that payments under ~~this subsection~~ **subsections (3) and (4)** are made at the beginning of the semester in 1 lump sum for eligible student teachers.

(7) ~~(4)~~ Eligible educator preparation programs shall pay funds received under this section, in entirety, to the eligible student teacher.

(8) ~~(5)~~ Notwithstanding section 17b, the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential shall make payments under this section on a schedule determined by the department of

lifelong education, advancement, and potential.

(9) ~~(6)~~—If the amount allocated in subsection (1) is insufficient to fully fund awards under this section, there is appropriated from the educator fellowship public provider fund in section 27d the amount necessary to fully fund the programs described in this section. The state budget director shall notify the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on K to 12 school aid and the house and senate fiscal agencies of any additional appropriation described in this subsection.

(10) ~~(7)~~—As used in this section: ~~—"eligible~~

(a) **"Eligible** educator preparation program" means an institution of higher education that meets all of the following:

(i) ~~(a)~~—Is a public or private institution of higher education in this state.

(ii) ~~(b)~~—Has an established school of education with an educator preparation program approved by the department.

(iii) ~~(c)~~—Has not been deemed as ineligible to receive Michigan achievement scholarship funding under section 248 as a result of exceeding tuition restraint requirements described in section 248.

(b) **"Qualifying publicly funded preschool program in this state" means a program supported by public funds as determined by the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential, including, but not limited to, programs funded by the great start readiness program under section 32d or Head Start.**