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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Teacher Shortage - Second Career Teacher Education Assistance Grants**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the Economic Development Assistance Grant Program
4 to provide second career teacher education assistance to certain individuals with
5 degrees; establishing certain requirements for receipt of second career teacher
6 education assistance grants; requiring the repayment of certain assistance
7 under certain circumstances; establishing the number and amounts of certain
8 awards in certain years; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of
9 this Act; and generally relating to the Economic Development Assistance Grant
10 Program.

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Education
13 Section 18-703.1
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1999 Replacement Volume)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Education**

19 18-703.1.

20 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
21 INDICATED.

22 (2) "AREA OF CRITICAL SHORTAGE" MEANS AN ACADEMIC FIELD
23 IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
24 PROVISIONS OF § 18-703(G) OF THIS SUBTITLE AS HAVING PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT
25 VACANCIES WHICH SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEED PROJECTED QUALIFIED GRADUATES.

26 (3) "AREA OF GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE" MEANS A GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF
27 THE STATE IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS LESS ABLE THAN
28 OTHERS IN THE STATE TO SATISFY THE NEED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN AN

1 ACADEMIC FIELD IDENTIFIED FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS AS AN AREA OF CRITICAL
2 SHORTAGE.

3 (4) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR
4 UNIVERSITY THAT HAS A PROGRAM OF GRADUATE STUDIES THAT WOULD CERTIFY
5 THE RECIPIENT TO TEACH IN THIS STATE IN AN AREA OF CRITICAL SHORTAGE AND
6 THAT IS:

7 (I) AUTHORIZED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION
8 COMMISSION; AND

9 (II) APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

10 (5) "PUBLIC SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL IN THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY
11 AND SECONDARY EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THIS STATE.

12 (6) "SERVICE OBLIGATION" MEANS TO TEACH FOR 3 YEARS IN THE
13 STATE IN AN AREA OF GEOGRAPHIC OR CRITICAL SHORTAGE IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

14 (B) (1) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS MAY BE
15 AWARDED AS SECOND CAREER TEACHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

16 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL AWARD ANNUALLY TO ELIGIBLE
17 APPLICANTS ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DEGREES TO CHANGE
18 CAREERS AND ENROLL IN A PROGRAM OF STUDY LEADING TO CERTIFICATION TO
19 TEACH IN AREAS OF CRITICAL OR GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE.

20 (3) THE RECIPIENT OF A SECOND CAREER TEACHER EDUCATION
21 ASSISTANCE GRANT SHALL USE THE AWARD AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

22 (C) A RECIPIENT OF AN ASSISTANCE GRANT SHALL:

23 (1) HAVE AN UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE DEGREE AND BE
24 ENROLLED IN OR SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO ENROLL IN COURSES LEADING TO
25 CERTIFICATION TO TEACH IN AN AREA OF CRITICAL OR GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE;

26 (2) AGREE TO ENROLL FULL TIME IN AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION;

27 (3) COMPLETE THE REQUIRED STUDIES IN 1 YEAR;

28 (4) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION UPON COMPLETION OF
29 REQUIRED STUDIES; AND

30 (5) SATISFY WHATEVER OTHER CRITERIA THE ADMINISTRATION AND
31 THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ESTABLISH.

32 (D) (1) EACH SECOND CAREER TEACHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE GRANT
33 SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.

34 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL AWARD:

- 1 (I) 100 GRANTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2001;
- 2 (II) 200 GRANTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2002; AND
- 3 (III) 300 GRANTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2003.
- 4 (E) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 18-701(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A RECIPIENT OF AN
- 5 ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL REPAY THE STATE
- 6 SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:
- 7 (1) COMPLETE THE REQUIRED STUDIES WITHIN 1 YEAR; AND
- 8 (2) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

10 October 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of

11 September 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this

12 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.