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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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

5 (3) "AREA OF GEOGRAPHIC SHORTAGE" MEANS A GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF  
6 THE STATE IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS LESS ABLE THAN  
7 OTHERS IN THE STATE TO SATISFY THE NEED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN AN  
8 ACADEMIC FIELD IDENTIFIED FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS AS AN AREA OF CRITICAL  
9 SHORTAGE.

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

14 (I) AUTHORIZED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION  
15 COMMISSION; AND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (4) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION UPON COMPLETION OF  
36 REQUIRED STUDIES; AND

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

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

5 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL AWARD:

6 (I) UP TO 100 GRANTS IN FISCAL YEAR ~~2001~~ 2002;

7 (II) UP TO 200 GRANTS IN FISCAL YEAR ~~2002~~ 2003; AND

8 (III) UP TO 300 GRANTS IN FISCAL YEAR ~~2003~~ 2004.

9 (E) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 18-701(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A RECIPIENT OF AN  
10 ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL REPAY THE STATE  
11 SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

12 (1) COMPLETE THE REQUIRED STUDIES WITHIN 1 YEAR; AND

13 (2) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~3~~ 4 years and, at the end of  
16 September 30, ~~2003~~ 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
17 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.