

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1939**

"AN ACT TO CREATE THE UNIVERSITY ASSISTED TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND  
RETENTION GRANT PROGRAM."

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1939.**

Amend House Bill No. 1939 as originally introduced:

Page 3, delete lines 14 through 31 and substitute the following:

(1)(1)(i) Students receiving an award from the University Assisted Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grant Program shall execute a note made payable to the Department of Higher Education for an amount equal to the award each semester that shall bear interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per year beginning September 1 after completion of the program, or immediately after termination of the student's participation in the program, whichever is earlier.

(ii) Students in the University Assisted Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grant Program who receive reimbursement for moving expenses under subsection (h) of this section shall execute a note made payable to the Department of Education for an amount equal to the reimbursement that shall bear interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per year.

(2) Any person failing to complete a program of study which will enable the person to become a licensed teacher shall begin repaying the note according to the note's terms for the sum of all awards made to that person less the corresponding amount of any awards for which service has been rendered.

(3) Any person failing to complete their teaching obligation, as required under subsection (k) of this section, shall begin repaying the notes according to the notes' terms for the sum of all awards made to that person less the corresponding amount of any awards for which service has been rendered, except in the case of a deferral of debt for cause approved by the State Board of Education if there is no employment position immediately available upon a teacher's completion of licensure requirements.

(4) After the period of the deferral, the person shall begin or resume teaching duties as required under subsection (k) of this subsection or shall become liable on the note under subsection (1) of this section. If a claim for payment of a note is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, the obligor shall be liable for an additional amount equal to a reasonable attorney's fee.

(5) The obligations made by the recipient of a University Assisted Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grant Program award shall not be voidable by reason of the age of the student at the time of receiving the scholarship.

AND

Page 4, delete line 2 and substitute the following:

"Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grant Program.

(o) The requirements of this act are contingent on the funding available for the University Assisted Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grant Program.

(p) The Department of Higher Education is authorized to determine the necessary procedures for the awarding of grants should the number of eligible applicants and recipients exceed the funds available."

**The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_**

**By: Senator Mahony**

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**Secretary**