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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1982

"AN ACT TO EXPAND THE STATE TEACHER ASSISTED RESOURCE PROGRAMS TO
PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO TEACHERS RETURNING TO COLLEGE."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1982.

Amend House Bill No. 1982 as originally introduced:

Delete the title in its entirety and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO CREATE THE TEACHER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AND THE DUAL CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO TEACHERS RETURNING TO COLLEGE TO RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"AN ACT TO CREATE THE TEACHER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AND THE DUAL CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO TEACHERS RETURNING TO COLLEGE."

AND

Page 1, delete lines, 23 through 36 and substitute the following:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-81-601 is amended to read as follows:
6-81-601. Purpose.

There is an existing need in the state to enhance the academic expertise of employed teachers ~~and administrators~~ in Arkansas by providing opportunities for them to pursue additional college instruction related to their employment.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-81-602 is amended to read as follows:
6-81-602. Establishment.

There is established a program to be known as the Teacher ~~and Administrator Enhancement and Retraining Grant~~ Opportunity Program.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-81-603(a) is amended to read as follows:

(a) This Teacher ~~and Administrator Enhancement and Retraining Grant~~ Opportunity Program shall be administered by the Department of Higher



Education, which shall have the authority to establish necessary rules, regulations, procedures, and selection criteria for the administration of the program and to designate necessary forms and schedules.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-81-604(1), pertaining to qualifications for teacher opportunity grants, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Grant recipients shall be bona fide residents of the State of Arkansas, as defined by the Department of Higher Education, ~~and be citizens of the United States or permanent resident aliens;~~

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-81-605 is amended to read as follows:
6-81-605. Grants - Priority.

(a) The first priority for the award of funds under the Teacher Opportunity Program is the award of scholarships under the Dual Certification Incentive Program, §§ 6-81-607 through 6-81-610. If funds are available after all awards are made under the Dual Certification Incentive Program, then additional grants may be made in accordance with the following:

~~(a)~~ (1) Students may receive grants up to but not in excess of the cost of student fees, books, and instructional supplies at the public institution of higher education in this state assessing the highest rate of student fees; and

~~(b)~~ (2) The grant or grants made to one (1) individual within one (1) fiscal year may not exceed the costs associated with six (6) semester credit hours or the equivalent of six (6) semester credit hours.

(b) The Department of Higher Education shall determine priorities for awarding grants in the event there are more applicants than funds available. Priorities shall be determined in coordination with the Department of Education and shall be based on the needs of the state.

~~(c) Should the number of the grant requests exceed funding available, priority will be given to those teachers or administrators who did not successfully complete tests of proficiency in basic academic skills or subject area content that teachers and administrators employed in the public schools may be required to take pursuant to state law or regulation of the State Board of Education."~~

AND

Delete Page 2 in its entirety

AND

Page 3, delete lines 2 through 4 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 6. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 81, Subchapter 6 is amended to the following additional sections:

6-81-607. Definitions."

AND

Page 3, line 17, delete "State Teacher Assistance Resource" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 3, line 19, delete "6-81-1509." and substitute "6-81-608."

AND

Page 3, line 20, delete "State Teacher Assistance Resource" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 3, line 24, delete "State Teacher Assistance Resource" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 3, line 27, delete "6-81-1510." and substitute "6-81-609."

AND

Page 3, line 29, delete "State Teacher Assistance" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 3, line 30, delete "Resource"

AND

Page 3, delete line 31 through 33 and substitute the following:

"(i) Is recommended for a scholarship by the local board of directors of the school district in which he or she is employed based on the recommendation of the teacher's building level principal and superintendent;"

AND

Page 4, delete line 6 and substitute the following:

"level in which the school district has requested a waiver under § 6-17-309; and

(iii) Agrees to maintain a minimum number of semester credit hours commensurate with the amount of the scholarship as determined by the Department of Higher Education."

AND

Page 4, line 7, delete "State Teacher" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 4, line 8, delete "Assistance Resource"

AND

Page 4, line 10, delete "year." and substitute "year. The amount of the scholarship shall be commensurate with maintaining a minimum number of semester credit hours as determined by the Department of Higher Education."

AND

Page 4, line 11, delete "State"

AND

Page 4, line 12, delete "Teacher Assistance Resource" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 4, line 17, delete "State Teacher Assistance Resource Commission" and substitute "Department of Higher Education"

AND

Page 4, line 23, delete "State Teacher Assistance Resource" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 4, line 30, delete "State Teacher Assistance Resource" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 4, line 34, delete "State"

AND

Page 4, line 35, delete "Teacher Assistance Resource" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 5, line 12, delete "State Teacher Assistance Resource" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 5, line 14, delete "subject to the approval of the classroom" and substitute "based on the recommendation of the"

AND

Page 5, line 15, delete "principal" and substitute "principal and superintendent"

AND

Page 5, line 18, delete "State Teacher Assistance Resource Program shall" and substitute "Certification Incentive Program may"

AND

Page 5, line 19, delete "salary" and substitute "policies"

AND

Page 5, line 20, delete "schedule"

AND

Page 5, line 30, delete "State Teacher Assistance Resource" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 5, line 33, delete "State Teacher Assistance Resource" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 6, line 1, delete "State Teacher Assistance Resource" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 6, line 2, delete "State Teacher" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 6, line 3, delete "Assistance Resource"

AND

Page 6, line 9, delete "State"

AND

Page 6, line 10, delete "Teacher Assistance Resource" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 6, line 18, delete "State Teacher Assistance Resource" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 6, line 20, delete "State Teacher Assistance" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 6, line 21, delete "Resource"

AND

Page 6, line 26, delete "6-81-1511." and substitute "6-81-610."

AND

Page 6, line 27, delete "State"

AND

Page 6, line 28, delete "Teacher Assistance Resource" and substitute "Certification Incentive"

AND

Page 6, line 29, delete "the dually" and substitute "the school district on behalf of the dually"

AND

Page 7, delete lines 13 through 18 in their entirety

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Mahony
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