

# Hall of the House of Representatives

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## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of House Bill No. 2192

"TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNSELORS IN THE STATE TEACHER ASSISTANCE  
RESOURCE PROGRAM."

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### Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2192.

Amend House Bill No. 2192 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1502(1), concerning the definition of a five-year teacher education program for purposes of the State Teacher Assistance Resource Program, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Five-year teacher education program" means a program within a regionally accredited institution of higher education in Arkansas that will lead to obtaining a teacher ~~certification~~ licensure and is designed for completion in five (5) years with an award of a master's degree in education or in school counseling;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1503(b), concerning the purpose of the State Teacher Assistance Resource Program, is amended to read as follows:

(b) While in college, the state teacher assistance resource recipient should be exposed to a range of extracurricular activities geared toward instilling a strong motivation not only to remain in teaching or school counseling but also to provide leadership for tomorrow's schools.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1504(b), concerning administration of the State Teacher Assistance Resource Program, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The department shall adopt standards for awarding the forgivable loans to ensure that students in their sophomore, junior, or senior year who are actively pursuing a degree in teaching are admitted to a teacher education program or school counseling program or are enrolled in a Master of Arts in Teaching program with the best potential for success receive a forgivable loan.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1504(e)(5), concerning administration of the State Teacher Assistance Resource Program, is amended to read as follows:

(5) Geographical area in which the applicant or recipient intends to teach or be employed as a school counselor;



SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1505 is amended to read as follows:  
6-81-1505. Eligibility.

A student entering his or her sophomore, junior, or senior year and actively pursuing or admitted to a teacher education program or a school counseling program shall be eligible to receive a forgivable loan under the State Teacher Assistance Resource Program if:

- (1) The recipient earns a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale at an approved institution;
- (2) The recipient has completed at least one (1) year of full-time postsecondary course work; and
- (3) The recipient meets any other continuing eligibility criteria established by the Department of Higher Education.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1506(a), concerning the forgivable loans under the State Teacher Assistance Resource Program, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The State Teacher Assistance Resource Program shall be used to provide:

(A) A forgivable loan ~~in the amount~~ of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per year for a sophomore, junior, or senior actively pursuing a degree in teaching admitted to a teacher education program or school counseling program or enrolled in a Master of Arts in Teaching program who commits to teach or be employed as a school counselor in a public school located in a geographical area of the state designated as having a critical shortage of teachers or teach in a subject matter area designated as having a critical shortage of teachers;

(B) A two-year forgivable loan if the recipient is in a four-year teacher education program or a three-year forgivable loan if the recipient is in a five-year teacher education program or school counseling program in the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per year for a junior or senior admitted to a teacher education program who commits to teach or be employed as a school counselor in a public school located in a geographical area of the state designated as having a critical shortage of teachers and teach in a subject matter area designated as having a critical shortage of teachers;

(C) A loan repayment for federal student loans in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per year for each year a ~~certified~~ licensed teacher who graduated from a teacher education program or a school counseling program after April 2004 teaches or is employed as a school counselor in a public school located in a geographical area of the state designated as having a critical shortage of teachers; or

(D) A loan repayment for federal student loans in the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per year for each year a ~~certified~~ licensed teacher or school counselor who graduated from a teacher education program or school counseling program after April 2004 teaches in a public school located in a geographical area of the state designated as having a critical shortage of teachers and teaches in a subject matter designated as having a critical shortage of teachers.

(2) The Department of Education shall set the term of the loan with the goal of assisting the recipient to complete the recipient's teacher education program or school counseling program.

(3) ~~No~~ A person receiving a forgivable loan under subdivision

(a)(1)(A) or (B) of this section shall not be eligible to receive a loan repayment under subdivision (a)(1)(C) or (D) of this section.

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1506(e), concerning the forgivable loans under the State Teacher Assistance Resource Program, are amended to read as follows:

(e)(1) Within nine (9) months after completion of the teacher education program or school counseling program, the recipient of a forgivable loan under the State Teacher Assistance Resource Program shall begin to teach or shall be employed as a school counselor in a public school in the state in accordance with the student's initial commitment or shall begin to repay the loan in accordance with the terms of a note executed under subsection (c) of this section.

(2) The department shall forgive one (1) year of the loan for each consecutive year the recipient teaches or is employed as a school counselor full time in a shortage area in accordance with the terms of the recipient's initial commitment beginning nine (9) months from the date of graduation.

(3) The department may grant loan repayment deferrals to students who enrolled in masters or doctoral programs after completion of a four-year or five-year teacher education program or school counseling program or for other just cause as determined by the department.

(4) The department may also forgive the loan if it finds that it is impossible for the recipient to teach or be employed as a school counselor in an Arkansas public school as required because of the death or permanent disability of the recipient."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Representative Patterson  
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