

SENATE BILL NO. 1105

June 30, 2022, Introduced by Senators POLEHANKI, MCCANN, BRINKS, MCMORROW, BAYER, IRWIN, MCBROOM, CHANG, WOJNO, GEISS, SANTANA, HERTEL and MOSS and referred to the Committee on Education and Career Readiness.

A bill to establish a stipend program for certain student teachers; to establish a student teacher stipend fund and to provide for its administration; and to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "student teacher stipend
2 act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Authority" means the Michigan finance authority created

1 within the department by Executive Reorganization Order No. 2010-2,
2 MCL 12.194.

3 (b) "Department" means the department of treasury.

4 (c) "Fund" means the student teacher stipend fund created in
5 section 11.

6 (d) "Public school" means that term as defined in section 5 of
7 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

8 (e) "Stipend" means money awarded to an individual under this
9 act in an amount determined under section 9.

10 (f) "Student teacher" means an individual who meets all of the
11 following:

12 (i) Is a student enrolled in a teacher preparation institution
13 approved by this state pursuant to section 1538a of the revised
14 school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1538a.

15 (ii) Is studying to be a teacher at the institution described
16 in subparagraph (i) in a program approved by this state pursuant to
17 section 1538a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
18 380.1538a.

19 (iii) As a required part of the program described in
20 subparagraph (ii), observes classroom instruction or does closely
21 supervised teaching in a public school for at least 3 hours per
22 day.

23 Sec. 5. The student teacher stipend program is created within
24 the department, to be administered by the authority. Subject to
25 appropriation, the authority shall do all of the following:

26 (a) Award stipends to eligible student teachers under this
27 act.

28 (b) Develop an application form and application process for
29 student teachers applying for stipends under this act.

1 (c) Promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act
2 pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306,
3 MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

4 Sec. 7. The authority may award a stipend under section 9 to
5 an individual determined by the authority to meet all of the
6 following eligibility criteria:

7 (a) Is a student teacher.

8 (b) Is a legal resident of this state.

9 (c) Has submitted a stipend application to the authority on or
10 before a date prescribed by the authority. The stipend application
11 must include a certification that the applicant meets the
12 eligibility criteria described in this section.

13 (d) Meets any other requirements established by the authority.

14 Sec. 9. (1) The authority shall award an individual eligible
15 under section 7 a stipend under this subsection. Subject to
16 adjustment under subsection (2), the maximum amount of the stipend
17 is \$9,600.00 in total for the period that the individual serves as
18 a student teacher.

19 (2) In any state fiscal year, the authority may adjust the
20 amount of each stipend under subsection (1) based upon its
21 determination of money available from the fund and from
22 appropriations in that fiscal year.

23 Sec. 11. (1) There is created the student teacher stipend fund
24 as a separate fund in the state treasury, to be administered by the
25 department. The department may accept money for the fund from any
26 source except the school aid fund created in section 11 of article
27 IX of the state constitution of 1963. The state treasurer shall
28 deposit that money and credit the amount to the fund. The
29 department shall use the fund only to provide money to the

1 authority for stipends awarded under this act.

2 (2) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the
3 fund money and shall credit earnings to the fund.

4 (3) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year must not
5 revert to the general fund but must be carried over in the fund to
6 the next fiscal year.

7 Sec. 13. Before February 1 of each year, the authority shall
8 report to the senate and house committees that have the
9 responsibility for education legislation all of the following:

10 (a) The number of individuals who received a stipend under
11 this act.

12 (b) A list of the public schools at which stipend recipients
13 served as student teachers.

14 (c) A list of institutions at which stipend recipients were
15 studying to become teachers.

16 (d) The average total amount paid to each stipend recipient.

17 (e) Any other data to support the operation and effectiveness
18 of the program.

19 Sec. 15. A recipient of a stipend under this act who submits a
20 false or misleading application or other false or misleading
21 information to the authority may be required to repay the total
22 amount of the stipend that he or she received, plus interest in
23 accordance with section 23 of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.23.