

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 995**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled  
"The state school aid act of 1979,"  
by amending section 27c (MCL 388.1627c), as amended by 2024 PA 120.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 27c. (1) From the state school aid fund money  
2 appropriated in section 11, there is allocated \$30,000,000.00 for  
3 2024-2025 and from the educator fellowship public provider fund  
4 money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated \$20,000,000.00  
5 for 2024-2025 for the MI future educator student teacher stipend  
6 program. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the funds  
7 allocated under this section must be paid to eligible educator  
8 preparation programs for payments to eligible student teachers  
9 working in a district **or a qualifying publicly funded preschool**



1 **program in this state.** At the close of the fiscal year, state  
2 school aid fund money allocated under this section that is unspent  
3 must be deposited into the educator fellowship public provider fund  
4 in section 27d.

5 (2) An eligible student teacher under this subsection must  
6 meet all of the following:

7 (a) The individual must be admitted to an eligible educator  
8 preparation program, be working toward a teacher certification, be  
9 participating in required student teaching coursework, and be  
10 maintaining satisfactory academic progress. As used in this  
11 subdivision, "required student teaching coursework" means credit  
12 hours, or the program equivalent, required by an eligible educator  
13 preparation program for successful completion of the program. This  
14 coursework must include regular placement in a district **or a**  
15 **qualifying publicly funded preschool program in this state** where  
16 the student gains real-world, first-hand experience working in a  
17 classroom, teaching students, engaging in the day-to-day activities  
18 of a certified teacher, and working daily under the guidance of a  
19 certified teacher.

20 (b) The individual must timely complete an application in a  
21 form and manner prescribed by the department of lifelong education,  
22 advancement, and potential. The application must include the  
23 district **or the qualifying publicly funded preschool program in**  
24 **this state** in which the individual is working as a student teacher  
25 and must include a certification by the district **or the qualifying**  
26 **publicly funded preschool program in this state** and the  
27 individual's eligible educator preparation program that the student  
28 is working as a student teacher. ~~If the individual's eligible~~  
29 ~~educator preparation program is not provided by a public~~



~~1 institution of higher education, the district in which the  
2 individual is working must also provide an assurance that they will  
3 forward any amount received under this section from the department  
4 of lifelong education, advancement, and potential for purposes of  
5 the program described in this section to the individual's eligible  
6 educator preparation program.~~

7 (c) The individual must not have received a payment from funds  
8 under this subsection previously, unless the individual is enrolled  
9 in an eligible educator preparation program that requires multiple  
10 semesters of student teaching.

11 (d) If an individual is employed by their district **or**  
12 **qualifying publicly funded preschool program in this state** as a  
13 teacher of record, they are not eligible for payment under this  
14 section.

15 (e) An individual that is a current City Year corps member  
16 enrolled in an eligible educator preparation program is eligible  
17 for payment under this section.

18 (3) The department of lifelong education, advancement, and  
19 potential shall pay each eligible educator preparation program  
20 **provided by a public institution of higher education** an amount not  
21 to exceed \$9,600.00 per academic semester for each eligible student  
22 teacher working in a district **or a qualifying publicly funded**  
23 **preschool program in this state.**

24 (4) If ~~the~~**an** individual's eligible educator preparation  
25 program is not provided by a public institution of higher  
26 education, the department of lifelong education, advancement, and  
27 potential shall pay an amount not to exceed \$9,600.00 per academic  
28 semester **for each eligible student teacher who is placed in a**  
29 **district or a qualifying publicly funded preschool program in this**



1 **state to the 1 of the following:**

2 (a) **The** district in which the individual is ~~working~~ **placed** as  
3 a student teacher. ~~, and that district~~

4 (b) **The intermediate district or consortium of intermediate**  
5 **districts that provides funding under section 32d to the qualifying**  
6 **publicly funded preschool program in which the individual is placed**  
7 **as a student teacher.**

8 (c) **An intermediate district or consortium of intermediate**  
9 **districts.**

10 (5) **The recipient of funds under subsection (4)** must forward  
11 the amount received to the individual's eligible educator  
12 preparation program.

13 (6) If funding allocated under this section is insufficient to  
14 fully fund all eligible student teachers, the department of  
15 lifelong education, advancement, and potential shall first award  
16 funding for eligible student teachers who are also Pell grant  
17 recipients and then shall distribute funding in the order in which  
18 applications were received. It is intended that payments under ~~this~~  
19 ~~subsection~~ **subsections (3) and (4)** are made at the beginning of the  
20 semester in 1 lump sum for eligible student teachers.

21 (7) ~~(4)~~ Eligible educator preparation programs shall pay funds  
22 received under this section, in entirety, to the eligible student  
23 teacher.

24 (8) ~~(5)~~ Notwithstanding section 17b, the department of  
25 lifelong education, advancement, and potential shall make payments  
26 under this section on a schedule determined by the department of  
27 lifelong education, advancement, and potential.

28 (9) ~~(6)~~ If the amount allocated in subsection (1) is  
29 insufficient to fully fund awards under this section, there is



1 appropriated from the educator fellowship public provider fund in  
 2 section 27d the amount necessary to fully fund the programs  
 3 described in this section. The state budget director shall notify  
 4 the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on K to 12 school  
 5 aid and the house and senate fiscal agencies of any additional  
 6 appropriation described in this subsection.

7 (10) ~~(7)~~—As used in this section: ~~,"eligible~~

8 (a) **"Eligible educator preparation program"** means an  
 9 institution of higher education that meets all of the following:

10 (i) ~~(a)~~—Is a public or private institution of higher education  
 11 in this state.

12 (ii) ~~(b)~~—Has an established school of education with an  
 13 educator preparation program approved by the department.

14 (iii) ~~(c)~~—Has not been deemed as ineligible to receive Michigan  
 15 achievement scholarship funding under section 248 as a result of  
 16 exceeding tuition restraint requirements described in section 248.

17 (b) **"Qualifying publicly funded preschool program in this**  
 18 **state"** means a program supported by public funds as determined by  
 19 the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential,  
 20 including, but not limited to, programs funded by the great start  
 21 readiness program under section 32d or Head Start.

