

**THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 94 of 1979**

**388.1627p Apprenticeship model grow your own program.**

Sec. 27p. (1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2024-2025 only an amount not to exceed \$12,500,000.00 to Marquette-Alger RESA for an apprenticeship model grow your own program as part of a consortia of at least 45 intermediate districts.

(2) The intermediate district receiving funding under this section shall use the funding to implement a grow your own program. A grow your own program described in this section must be implemented to improve the teacher talent pipeline and provide a no-cost pathway for support staff members to become certified teachers. Allowable expenses for grow your own programs under this section include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Tuition and fees for an accelerated degree, for a traditional bachelor's degree for current candidates who are not teachers, or for an advanced degree.

(b) Books.

(c) Testing fees.

(d) Travel to and from coursework.

(e) Substitute employee salary and wages for the duration of the educator preparation program attended by the recipient staff of the district or intermediate district.

(f) Costs for curriculum, materials, professional development, and hands-on-learning experiences to implement a program within the district or intermediate district to encourage students in any of grades 6 to 12 to consider a career in education. Not more than 10% of funds received by a district or intermediate district under this section may be used for this purpose.

(3) An intermediate district may not concurrently receive funding under this section and receive funding under section 27b for 2022-2023, unless already awarded by the department under section 27b before July 1, 2024. An intermediate district receiving funding under this section shall not give funding received under this section to a constituent district that is receiving funding under section 27b.

(4) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make payments under this section on a schedule determined by the department.

(5) The funds allocated under this section for 2024-2025 are a work project appropriation, and any unexpended funds for 2024-2025 are carried forward into 2025-2026. The purpose of the work project is to continue support for the grow your own programs under this section. The estimated completion date of the work project is September 30, 2027.

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