

1 certification or licensure in that subject area and for the
2 academic year for which repayment is requested; and

3 (b) Have taught a full school year, as provided in s.
4 1003.02(1)(g), in a critical teacher shortage area in a
5 publicly funded school, a developmental research school, or a
6 K-12 private school as defined in s. 1002.01 which is
7 recognized by the Florida Association of Academic Nonpublic
8 Schools.

9 ~~(3)(2)~~ From the funds available, the Department of
10 Education may make loan principal repayments as follows:

11 (a) Up to \$2,500 a year for up to 4 years on behalf of
12 selected graduates of state-approved undergraduate
13 postsecondary teacher preparation programs, persons certified
14 to teach pursuant to any applicable teacher certification
15 requirements, or selected teacher preparation graduates from
16 any state participating in the Interstate Agreement on the
17 Qualification of Educational Personnel.

18 (b) Up to \$5,000 a year for up to 2 years on behalf of
19 selected graduates of state-approved graduate postsecondary
20 teacher preparation programs, persons with graduate degrees
21 certified to teach pursuant to any applicable teacher
22 certification requirements, or selected teacher preparation
23 graduates from any state participating in the Interstate
24 Agreement on the Qualification of Educational Personnel.

25 (c) All repayments shall be contingent on continued
26 proof of employment in the designated subject areas in this
27 state and shall be made directly to the holder of the loan.
28 The state shall not bear responsibility for the collection of
29 any interest charges or other remaining balance. In the event
30 that designated critical teacher shortage subject areas are
31 changed by the State Board of Education, a teacher shall

1 continue to be eligible for loan forgiveness as long as he or
2 she continues to teach in the subject area for which the
3 original loan repayment was made and otherwise meets all
4 conditions of eligibility.

5 ~~(4)(3)~~ Students receiving a scholarship loan or a
6 fellowship loan are not eligible to participate in the
7 Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan Forgiveness Program.

8 ~~(5)(4)~~ The State Board of Education may adopt rules
9 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 necessary to administer
10 ~~for the administration of~~ this program.

11 ~~(6)(5)~~ This section shall be implemented only to the
12 extent that the program is ~~as~~ specifically funded and
13 authorized by law.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
15 law.

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18 SENATE SUMMARY

19 Revises the Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan
20 Forgiveness Program to require those applying for loan
21 repayments to have taught for a full school year in a
22 critical teacher shortage subject area.
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