

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to teacher education; amending s.
3 1009.60, F.S.; revising eligibility criteria for
4 receipt of a minority teacher education scholarship;
5 amending s. 1009.605, F.S.; revising funding for
6 administration and the training program carried out by
7 the board of directors of the Florida Fund for
8 Minority Teachers, Inc.; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 1009.60,
13 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

14 1009.60 Minority teacher education scholars program.—There
15 is created the minority teacher education scholars program,
16 which is a collaborative performance-based scholarship program
17 for African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American, and
18 Native American students. The participants in the program
19 include Florida's Florida College System institutions and its
20 public and private universities that have teacher education
21 programs.

22 (1) The minority teacher education scholars program shall
23 provide an annual scholarship in an amount that shall be
24 prorated based on available appropriations and may not exceed
25 \$4,000 for each approved minority teacher education scholar who
26 is enrolled in one of Florida's public or private colleges or

27 universities, ~~in the junior year and~~ is admitted into a teacher
 28 education program, and has not earned more than 18 credit hours
 29 of upper-division education courses.

30 (4) A student may receive a scholarship from the program
 31 for 3 consecutive years if the student remains enrolled full-
 32 time in the program and makes satisfactory progress toward a
 33 baccalaureate degree with a major in education or a graduate
 34 degree with a major in education.

35 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and subsection
 36 (3) of section 1009.605, Florida Statutes, are amended, and
 37 subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

38 1009.605 Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.—

39 (2)

40 (b) The corporation shall report to the Department of
 41 Education, by the date established by the department, the
 42 eligible students to whom scholarship moneys are disbursed each
 43 academic term, the annual balance of the corporation's assets
 44 and cash reserves, and any other information requested by the
 45 department in accordance with s. 1009.94. By June 30 of each
 46 fiscal year, the corporation shall remit to the department any
 47 appropriated funds that were not distributed for scholarships,
 48 less the funds 5 percent for administration pursuant to
 49 subsection (3) and the funds for the training program required
 50 in subsection (4), including administration of the required
 51 training program, authorized pursuant to subsection (3).

52 (3) A board of directors shall administer the corporation.

53 The Governor shall appoint to the board at least 15 but not more
54 than 25 members, who shall serve terms of 3 years, except that 4
55 of the initial members shall serve 1-year terms and 4 shall
56 serve 2-year terms. At least 4 members must be employed by
57 Florida College System institutions and at least 11 members must
58 be employed by public or private postsecondary institutions that
59 operate colleges of education. At least one member must be a
60 financial aid officer employed by a postsecondary education
61 institution operating in Florida. Administrative costs for
62 support of the Board of Directors and the Florida Fund for
63 Minority Teachers may not exceed \$100,000 ~~5 percent of funds~~
64 ~~allocated for the program~~. The board shall:

65 (a) Hold meetings to implement this section.

66 (b) Select a chairperson annually.

67 (c) Make rules for its own government.

68 (d) Appoint an executive director to serve at its
69 pleasure. The executive director shall be the chief
70 administrative officer and agent of the board.

71 (e) Maintain a record of its proceedings.

72 (f) Delegate to the chairperson the responsibility for
73 signing final orders.

74 ~~(g) Carry out the training program as required for the~~
75 ~~minority teacher education scholars program. No more than 5~~
76 ~~percent of the funds appropriated and up to \$100,000 from other~~
77 ~~available funds for the minority teacher education scholars~~
78 ~~program may be expended annually for administration, including~~

79 ~~administration of the required training program.~~

80 (4) The board of directors shall carry out a training
81 program as required for the minority teacher education scholars
82 program. Up to \$100,000 from appropriated funds and other
83 available funds for the minority teacher education scholars
84 program may be expended annually for the required training
85 program.

86 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.