

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.; requiring the Florida Fund
6 for Minority Teachers, Inc., to submit an annual
7 report to the Legislature relating to scholarship
8 funds and recipients; revising funding for
9 administration and the training program carried out by
10 the board of directors of the Florida Fund for
11 Minority Teachers, Inc.; providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 1009.60,
16 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

25 (1) The minority teacher education scholars program shall
26 provide an annual scholarship in an amount that shall be

27 prorated based on available appropriations and may not exceed
 28 \$4,000 for each approved minority teacher education scholar who
 29 is enrolled in one of Florida's public or private colleges or
 30 universities, ~~in the junior year and~~ is admitted into a teacher
 31 education program, and has not earned more than 18 credit hours
 32 of upper-division education courses.

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

38 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 39 1009.605, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (c) and
 40 amended, a new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection,
 41 subsection (3) is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that
 42 section, to read:

43 1009.605 Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.—

44 (2)

45 (b) By June 30 of each year, the corporation shall submit
 46 a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
 47 House of Representatives comprising a comparative history of the
 48 following information for each fiscal year, beginning with the
 49 2008-2009 fiscal year: the amount of funds appropriated, the
 50 number of scholarships awarded, the number of scholarship
 51 recipients currently fulfilling their Florida teaching
 52 commitment, the number of scholarship recipients who have

53 completed their Florida teaching commitment, the number of
54 scholarship recipients who have defaulted on the scholarship,
55 the balance of the unpaid scholarship funds, and the total
56 amount of scholarship funds that have been repaid.

57 (c) ~~(b)~~ The corporation shall report to the Department of
58 Education, by the date established by the department, the
59 eligible students to whom scholarship moneys are disbursed each
60 academic term, the annual balance of the corporation's assets
61 and cash reserves, and any other information requested by the
62 department in accordance with s. 1009.94. By June 30 of each
63 fiscal year, the corporation shall remit to the department any
64 appropriated funds that were not distributed for scholarships,
65 less the funds ~~5 percent~~ for administration pursuant to
66 subsection (3) and the funds for the training program required
67 in subsection (4), ~~including administration of the required~~
68 ~~training program, authorized pursuant to subsection (3).~~

69 (3) A board of directors shall administer the corporation.
70 The Governor shall appoint to the board at least 15 but not more
71 than 25 members, who shall serve terms of 3 years, except that 4
72 of the initial members shall serve 1-year terms and 4 shall
73 serve 2-year terms. At least 4 members must be employed by
74 Florida College System institutions and at least 11 members must
75 be employed by public or private postsecondary institutions that
76 operate colleges of education. At least one member must be a
77 financial aid officer employed by a postsecondary education
78 institution operating in Florida. Administrative costs for

79 support of the Board of Directors and the Florida Fund for
 80 Minority Teachers may not exceed \$100,000 ~~5 percent of funds~~
 81 ~~allocated for the program.~~ The board shall:

82 (a) Hold meetings to implement this section.

83 (b) Select a chairperson annually.

84 (c) Make rules for its own government.

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

88 (e) Maintain a record of its proceedings.

89 (f) Delegate to the chairperson the responsibility for
 90 signing final orders.

91 ~~(g) Carry out the training program as required for the~~
 92 ~~minority teacher education scholars program. No more than 5~~
 93 ~~percent of the funds appropriated and up to \$100,000 from other~~
 94 ~~available funds for the minority teacher education scholars~~
 95 ~~program may be expended annually for administration, including~~
 96 ~~administration of the required training program.~~

97 (4) The board of directors shall carry out a training
 98 program as required for the minority teacher education scholars
 99 program. Up to \$100,000 from appropriated funds and other
 100 available funds for the minority teacher education scholars
 101 program may be expended annually for the required training
 102 program.

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