

HIGHER EDUCATIONAL AIDS BOARD

Delete Existing Teacher Education Loan Program and Create a New Teacher Loan Program

Motion:

Move to delete the teacher education loan program (-\$272,200 GPR annually) and create a new forgivable loan program under HEAB (\$272,200 GPR annually).

Move to specify that, to be eligible to receive a loan through the new program, a student would have to meet the following criteria: (a) be a Wisconsin resident enrolled at least half-time as a sophomore, junior, or senior in institution of higher education approved under 20 USC 1001 [a] and [b] located in this state; (b) be enrolled in a program leading to a teacher's license in a discipline identified as a teacher shortage area for the state of Wisconsin by the U.S. Department of Education; and (c) have a grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4-point scale or the equivalent. Students who meet these criteria would be eligible for loans of up to \$10,000 annually for up to three years with the maximum amount of loans that a student could receive through the program being \$30,000.

Move to specify that loan recipients would have the principal and interest of their loans forgiven at a rate of 25% per year for each year that the recipient: (a) is employed as a full-time teacher in their high demand area by a public or private elementary or secondary school located in the City of Milwaukee; and (b) receives a rating of proficient or distinguished on the educator effectiveness system or the equivalent in a school that does not use the educator effectiveness system. Specify that if a borrower's employment does not meet the criteria for forgiveness, the loan must be repaid at an interest rate of 5%.

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Note:

The teacher education loan program provides loans to Wisconsin residents enrolled in the teacher education programs at the Milwaukee Teacher Education Center (MTEC). Loan recipients must agree to teach in a first-class city school system under Chapter 119 of the statutes (Milwaukee Public Schools). For each year the borrower teaches in the eligible school district, 50% of the loan is forgiven. If the student does not teach in the eligible district, the loan must be repaid at an interest rate of 5%. For 2013-14, loans totaling \$244,800 were made to 82 students with an average loan of \$2,985.

Disciplines currently identified as teacher shortage areas for the state of Wisconsin by the U.S. Department of Education are as follows: (a) English as a second language/bilingual; (b) sciences; (c) library media; (d) mathematics; (e) music; (f) reading; (g) foreign languages; (h)

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cognitive disabilities; (i) cross categorical; (j) deaf and hard of hearing; (k) early childhood -- special education; (L) emotional and behavioral disorders; (m) learning disabilities; (n) school speech and language disabilities; (o) visual disabilities; (p) business education; (q) family and consumer education; and (r) technology education.

[Change to Bill: \$0]