

House Bill 148

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to grants for educational programs, so as to establish a program to  
3 support recruitment of teachers by providing grant funds to be paid by public schools to  
4 student teachers who successfully complete their student teaching requirements; to provide  
5 for maximum payments; to require the State Board of Education to establish rules and  
6 regulations to implement the program; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title;  
7 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Student Teacher Promotion Act."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
13 relating to grants for educational programs, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-252,  
14 which is reserved, as follows:

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15 "20-2-252.

16 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

17 (1) 'Student teacher' means a college or university student in a teacher education program  
18 approved by the Professional Standards Commission in a unit of the University System  
19 of Georgia or in a private postsecondary institution who, as part of such teacher education  
20 program, is engaged in student teaching.

21 (2) 'Student teaching' means the full-time required component of a teacher education  
22 program approved by the Professional Standards Commission in which a student teacher  
23 who is preparing for the education profession is jointly assigned by such teacher  
24 education program and a public school or local school system, state operated school, or  
25 school operated by the United States Department of Defense on a military reservation for  
26 classroom experience and which is designated in such teacher education program as  
27 student teaching or internship.

28 (b)(1) The State Board of Education shall provide public schools and local school  
29 systems with grants, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and pursuant to  
30 applications made at the discretion of such public school and local school systems. The  
31 purpose of such grants shall be to support recruitment of teachers by providing grant  
32 funds to be paid by such public schools and local school systems to student teachers who  
33 successfully complete the student teaching component of their teacher education program  
34 with such public school or local school system.

35 (2) The total amount of such grant funds paid to each student teacher shall be determined  
36 by the public school or local school system in accordance with its application to  
37 participate in the grant program but shall not exceed \$7,500.00. The public schools or  
38 local school systems receiving such grants from the State Board of Education may  
39 expend grant funds only for purposes of providing for the payment of grant funds to  
40 student teachers who successfully complete the student teaching component of their  
41 teacher education program with such public school or local school system.

42 (c)(1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with public schools and local school  
43 systems, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and the Professional  
44 Standards Commission, shall establish rules and regulations to implement the provisions  
45 of this Code section.

46 (2) The State Board of Education shall be authorized to establish reporting requirements  
47 on the public schools and local school systems participating in the grant program.

48 (d) The Department of Education shall develop an application process and seek  
49 applications from public schools and local school systems for the grant program no later  
50 than September 1, 2023. Reserved."

51 **SECTION 3.**

52 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.