

Assembly Bill 1077

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**CHAPTER 333, LAWS OF 1967**

AN ACT to create 20.415 (1) (dm) and 39.35 of the statutes, relating to a scholarship program to train teachers for educationally disadvantaged areas and making an appropriation.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 20.415 (1) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.415 (1) (dm) *Scholarships for teacher-trainees.* ~~From the appropriation under par. (g),~~ a sum sufficient for the purposes of s. 39.35.

SECTION 2. 39.35 of the statutes is created to read:

**39.35 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS IN EDUCATIONALLY DISADVANTAGED AREAS.** (1) ADMINISTRATION. (a) There is established, to be administered by the higher educational aids board, a scholar-

ship program for full-time students enrolled in a program leading to certification as an elementary or high school teacher at a public institution of higher education in this state.

(b) Two hundred scholarships may be given under this section in each school year.

(c) The amount of each scholarship shall be equal to the cost of tuition, fees and room and board in a publicly-owned dormitory for the recipient during the school year.

(2) **ELIGIBILITY.** The state superintendent of public instruction shall determine the eligibility of applicants for such scholarships, based on the following requirements:

(a) The student must be a high school graduate and possess the qualifications and aptitude for benefiting from training at an institution of higher education.

(b) The student must have attended a school in which 30% or more of the pupils enrolled are educationally disadvantaged, as determined by the state superintendent, considering such factors as academic achievement levels, average annual family income and school drop-out, truancy and chronic absenteeism rates.

(c) The student must indicate a willingness, upon graduation, to return to teach in a school described in par. (b) and to give, in addition to his teaching duties, 5 hours per week of service to the area community.

(d) To be eligible for a scholarship for the ensuing school year, the student must maintain, at the end of the previous school year, a cumulative 2.5 grade average based on a 4-point grading system.

(e) The student must be an undergraduate.

(3) **REPAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS.** A recipient is not required to begin repaying the scholarship until the end of the 5th year following termination of payments to him. Moneys paid under this section to a student after his freshman year shall be repaid or amortized as provided in this subsection. The scholarship shall be amortized by one-fifth the total amount for each year during such 5-year period, of teaching service by him in a school described in sub. (2) (b), if he also gives, in addition to his teaching duties, 5 hours per week of service to the area community. If the scholarship is not fully amortized at the end of the 5-year period or repaid by that date, it shall be repaid at the rate of not less than one-tenth of the then outstanding amount per year, plus interest at the legal rate on such amount computed from the date of receipt of the amount. At the end of the 15th year following termination of payments to the recipient, the higher educational aids board may bring legal action to collect any unpaid balance.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act shall take effect January 1, 1968, or on the 1st day of the month following passage and publication. The scholarship program under this act shall commence with scholarships given for the 1968-69 school year.

Approved January 17, 1968.