

(1) PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY ABOUT THE PROGRAM. AND

(2) ENCOURAGE STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND PARTICIPATION FROM EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE.

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(A) THE BOARD SHALL GOVERN A PROGRAM.

(B) (1) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF 25 MEMBERS.

(2) OF THE 25 MEMBERS:

(I) 5 SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT AND THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; AND

(II) 20 SHALL BE SELECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER AND BYLAWS OF THE PROGRAM.

(C) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.

(2) THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ON JULY 1, 2006.

(3) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED OR SELECTED AND QUALIFIES.

(4) A MEMBER MAY NOT SERVE FOR MORE THAN 3 CONSECUTIVE FULL TERMS.

(5) A VACANCY SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH THE VACATING MEMBER WAS APPOINTED OR SELECTED.

(D) THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE ITS OFFICERS.

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A PROGRAM SHALL BE SUBJECT TO:

(1) THE SAME ACCOUNTABILITY MANDATES OF THE FEDERAL NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT AS OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE; AND

(2) THE REQUIREMENTS OF 20 U.S.C. § 1400, ET SEQ. AND § 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973. 29 U.S.C. § 794.

8-707.

TEACHERS AND ANY OTHER PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL AT THE PROGRAM SHALL BE PAID AN ANNUAL SALARY THAT IS AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE SALARY RECEIVED BY PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL OF SIMILAR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED.