

~~(d) Grants to teacher recipients may not be used to supplant retraining efforts by local boards of education.~~

~~(e) (1) For a full-time student, the annual amount of tuition assistance shall be equal to the cost of tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board, not to exceed the lesser of costs incurred for the program required for teacher certification in an area of critical [or geographic] shortage OR NEED or the sum of these costs for a full-time undergraduate in State resident student at the 4-year public institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland University College and University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate.~~

~~(2) For a part-time student, the amount of an award may not exceed the applicable cost of tuition and mandatory fees for a comparable undergraduate in State student at the 4-year public institution of higher education within the University System of Maryland, other than the University of Maryland University College and University of Maryland, Baltimore, with the highest annual expenses for a full-time resident undergraduate.~~

~~(f) (1) A nondegree recipient may renew an award for [1 year] 2 YEARS if the recipient:~~

~~(i) Remains an undergraduate student in an area of critical [or geographic] shortage OR NEED; and~~

~~(ii) Maintains a grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and advances in academic standing at least 1 year for each year for which an award is renewed.~~

~~(2) A degree recipient and a teacher recipient may renew an award for 1 year if that recipient maintains a grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.~~

~~(g) (1) The State Superintendent of Schools shall project annually the number of vacancies for employment expected in each of the subsequent 5 years in areas of critical [or geographic] shortage and the number of students expected to graduate from programs qualifying them to teach in these fields during the same period. The State Superintendent of Schools shall certify annually to the Office those programs that continue to be areas of critical [or geographic] shortage as evidenced by projected employment vacancies substantially exceeding projected qualified graduates.~~

~~(2) In any year in which an area is determined by the State Superintendent of Schools to no longer be an area of critical [or geographic] shortage, the Office shall discontinue making new awards in that area.~~

~~(3) Deletion of any academic field as an area of critical [or geographic] shortage does not:~~

~~(i) Terminate the right of existing recipients to renew awards under § 18-704(d) of this subtitle; or~~