

~~(B) THE OFFICE MAY AWARD ALTERNATIVE TEACHING OPPORTUNITY GRANTS AS TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO:~~

~~(1) PURSUE A RESIDENT TEACHER CERTIFICATE BY ENROLLING IN A RESIDENT TEACHER CERTIFICATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, OR~~

~~(2) TAKE COURSE WORK AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A TEACHING CERTIFICATE WHILE BEING EMPLOYED BY A COUNTY BOARD IN A PARAPROFESSIONAL POSITION;~~

~~(C) EACH RECIPIENT OF A GRANT SHALL:~~

~~(1) BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION;~~

~~(2) SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO:~~

~~(I) BECOME A CERTIFIED TEACHER; AND~~

~~(II) FULFILL A SERVICE OBLIGATION AS REQUIRED BY THE OFFICE ON COMPLETION OF REQUIRED STUDIES;~~

~~(3) USE THE GRANT AT AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION;~~

~~(4) BE SELECTED BY THE OFFICE FROM QUALIFIED APPLICANTS BASED ON:~~

~~(I) COMPETITIVE STANDARDS; AND~~

~~(II) FINANCIAL NEED; AND~~

~~(5) SATISFY ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE OFFICE MAY ESTABLISH.~~

~~(D) A RECIPIENT MAY RENEW A GRANT IF THE RECIPIENT:~~

~~(1) REMAINS ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM OF STUDIES THAT WOULD LEAD TO A TEACHING CERTIFICATE; AND~~

~~(2) SATISFIES ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THE OFFICE MAY ESTABLISH.~~

~~(E) A GRANT MAY BE USED FOR:~~

~~(1) TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES;~~

~~(2) ROOM AND BOARD; AND~~

~~(3) BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.~~

~~(F) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2008, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE \$500,000 IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION FOR GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

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(a) There is a program of loan assistance repayment known as the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program in the State.