

(f) Funds for the teacher education tuition assistance program shall be as provided in the annual budget of the Administration by the Governor.

18-1404.

(a) The recipient shall repay the Administration the funds expended plus simple interest that is equal to the prime rate plus 2 percent calculated from the date of the first payment of the tuition assistance award for any portion of the award not forgiven if the recipient does not:

(1) Complete the teacher education or certification program; and

(2) Teach in a field of critical shortage in a public school in this State for a period, subject to the provisions of § 18-1406(c) of this subtitle, of 1 1/2 years for each year that the FULL-TIME tuition assistance was awarded OR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT PART-TIME TUITION ASSISTANCE WAS AWARDED.

(b) (1) The Administration shall forgive the repayment of the tuition assistance award at the rate, subject to the provisions of § 18-1406(c) of this subtitle, of 1 year for each year and one-half that the recipient teaches in this State.

(2) A recipient shall begin repayment at any time during the required teaching period that the recipient is no longer a teacher in a field of critical shortage in a public school in this State.

(3) A recipient who is not already a teacher and who leaves the teacher education program may delay repayment as long as the recipient remains ~~-(a full-time)-~~ AN undergraduate student.

(4) A recipient who is already a teacher and who leaves the teacher certification program shall begin repayment at the time the recipient ceases to be enrolled as a [full-time] student in a certification program in a critical area.

(5) Repayment shall be made to the State within 6 years after the repayment period begins and follow a repayment schedule established by the Administration. The Administration may waive or defer repayment in the event of disability or extended sickness which prevents the recipient from fulfilling the teaching obligation required under § 18-1403 of this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.