

(b) There is a program of Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grants under this section for students who pledge to work in fields of critical shortage in the State on completion of their studies.

(c) The purpose of the program is to:

(1) Provide financial assistance to students enrolled at institutions of higher education in the State; and

(2) Address the workforce shortage needs of the State.

(e) (5) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the following workforce shortage fields shall be included in the grant program:

1. School teachers (the grant to be known as the Sharon Christa McAuliffe Memorial Teacher Scholarship);

2. Nurses;

3. Child care providers;

4. Developmental disabilities, mental health, child welfare, and juvenile justice providers (THE GRANT TO BE KNOWN AS THE IDA G. AND L. LEONARD RUBEN SCHOLARSHIPS);

and

5. Physical and occupational therapists and assistants;

6. Public servants (the grant to be known as the William Donald Schaefer Scholarship).

(ii) The Commission may remove a shortage field specified in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph if in the Commission's judgment the field no longer qualifies as a workforce shortage field.

~~(7) EACH YEAR, ONE GRANT GRANTS AWARDED FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, MENTAL HEALTH, CHILD WELFARE, AND JUVENILE JUSTICE PROVIDERS UNDER PARAGRAPH (5)(1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE IDA G. AND L. LEONARD RUBEN SCHOLARSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.