

(3) "Eligible institution" means a public or private institution of higher education in this State that possesses a certificate of approval from the Commission.

(4) "Grant" means the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance grant.

~~(5) "PART-TIME STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT WHO MAINTAINS A COURSE CREDIT LOAD OF BETWEEN 3 AND 6 CREDIT HOURS.~~

~~(6) "STUDENT" INCLUDES:~~

~~(I) A STUDENT IN AN UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL COURSE OF STUDY;~~

~~(II) A STUDENT IN A GRADUATE LEVEL COURSE OF STUDY;~~  
AND

~~(III) A MEMBER OF THE FACULTY OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.~~

(5) "PUBLIC GOOD OR BENEFIT" MEANS SERVICE TO LOW-INCOME OR UNDERSERVED RESIDENTS OR AREAS OF THE STATE IN AN OCCUPATION IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR OR IN AN ORGANIZATION, INSTITUTION, ASSOCIATION, SOCIETY, OR CORPORATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OR (4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.

(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) (2) The Secretary shall appoint an Advisory Council on Workforce Shortage to:~~

~~(i) Identify workforce shortage fields in the State; and~~

~~(ii) Recommend to the Commission:~~

~~1. Priority workforce shortage fields to be included in the grant program; and~~

~~2. The removal of fields that in the Advisory Council's judgment no longer qualify as workforce shortage fields.~~

~~(3) In making recommendations to the Commission, the Advisory Council shall:~~