

(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 ADMINISTRATION 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(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

(II) IF THE RECIPIENT CONTINUES TO TEACH IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THIS STATE IN THAT ACADEMIC FIELD, INVOKE THE PROVISIONS OF § 18-701 (E) (1) OF THIS SUBTITLE OR DISQUALIFY THE RECIPIENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF § 18-701 (E) (2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(H) FUNDS FOR THE TEACHER EDUCATION TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

18-704.

(A) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(1) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT HAS A PROGRAM OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES THAT WOULD LEAD TO LICENSING AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST, PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT.

(2) "ELIGIBLE PROGRAM" MEANS AN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM NECESSARY FOR LICENSING AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST, PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT.

(3) "HANDICAPPED CHILD" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN § 8-401 OF THIS TITLE.

(4) "OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST" AND "OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT" HAVE THE MEANINGS SET FORTH IN § 9-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

(5) "PHYSICAL THERAPIST" AND "PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT" HAVE THE MEANINGS SET FORTH IN § 13-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

(6) "RECIPIENT" MEANS A RECIPIENT OF TUITION ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SECTION.