

Chapter 10 Terrel H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans Program

53B-10-101 Terrel H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans program -- Eligible students -- Cancellation of incentive loans -- Repayment by recipient who fails to meet requirements -- Duration of incentive loans.

- (1)
 - (a) A Terrel H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans program is established to recruit and train superior candidates for teaching in Utah's public school system as a component of the teacher quality continuum referred to in Subsections 53A-1a-104(7) and 53A-6-102(2)(a).
 - (b) Under the program, the incentive loans may be used in any of Utah's state-operated institutions of higher education or at a private institution of higher education in Utah that offers a state-approved teacher education program.
- (2)
 - (a) The State Board of Regents shall award the incentive loans to college students who have been admitted to, or have made application to and are prepared to enter into, a program preparing students for licensure and who declare an intent to complete the prescribed course of instruction and to teach in this state in accordance with the priorities described under Subsection (5)(c).
 - (b) The incentive loan may be canceled at any time by the institution of attendance if:
 - (i) the student fails to make reasonable progress towards completion of licensing requirements;
or
 - (ii) it appears to be a reasonable certainty that the student does not intend to teach in Utah.
 - (c) The State Board of Regents may grant leaves of absence to incentive loan holders.
- (3) The State Board of Regents may require an incentive loan recipient who fails to complete the requirements for licensing without good cause to repay all tuition and fees provided by the loan, together with appropriate interest.
- (4)
 - (a) The State Board of Regents may require an incentive loan recipient who does not work in the state's public school system or a private school within the state within two years after graduation to repay all tuition and fees provided by the loan, together with appropriate interest, unless waived for good cause.
 - (b)
 - (i) A recipient who does not teach for a term equal to the number of years of the incentive loan within a reasonable period of time after graduation shall repay a graduated portion of the tuition and fees based upon the uncompleted term.
 - (ii) One year of teaching is credit for one year's tuition and fees.
 - (c) All repayments made under this Subsection (4) are for use in the Terrel H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans program.
- (5)
 - (a) Each incentive loan is valid for up to four years of full-time equivalent enrollment, or until requirements for licensing or advanced licensing have been met, whichever is less.
 - (b)
 - (i) Incentive loans apply to both tuition and fees in amounts and are subject to conditions approved by the State Board of Regents, based upon criteria developed to insure that all recipients of the loans will pursue an education career within the state.

- (ii) An incentive loan for tuition and fees at a private institution may not exceed the average scholarship amounts granted for tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education within the state.
- (c) Incentive loans shall be awarded in accordance with prioritized critical areas of need for teaching expertise within the state, as determined by the State Board of Education's criticality index and school district priorities based upon data provided by the school district, and may include preparing persons as:
 - (i) a special education teacher;
 - (ii) a speech or language pathologist; or
 - (iii) another licensed professional providing services in the public schools to pupils with disabilities.

Amended by Chapter 88, 2006 General Session

53B-10-102 Number of incentive loans -- Criteria for awarding.

- (1)
 - (a) A total of 365 Terrel H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans shall be maintained each year in accordance with criteria and procedures established by the State Board of Regents, except that if the annual appropriation for this program is not sufficient to fund 365 loans, the State Board of Regents may reduce the total number of incentive loans awarded each year to correspond to the appropriation level.
 - (b) The number of incentive loans to be awarded shall be reviewed annually based on the need to prepare individuals to teach as determined by the supply of and demand for teachers in the state.
- (2) These incentive loans shall be awarded in the following categories:
 - (a) incentive loans for college students who have successfully completed not less than the equivalent of two semesters of formal higher education study; and
 - (b) incentive loans for persons described in Subsection 53B-10-101(5)(c), including:
 - (i) part-time college students who are enrolled in at least six semester hours;
 - (ii) college students who already hold a bachelor's degree; and
 - (iii) other nontraditional college students who are enrolled in at least six semester hours; and
 - (c) a limited number of high school seniors, as selected by the State Board of Education in a statewide competition, if the annual appropriation for the program meets or exceeds the 365 loans under Subsection (1)(a).

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53B-10-103 Incentive loan appropriation -- Administration of incentive loan program.

- (1) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall provide an annual appropriation to the State Board of Regents for the Terrel H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans Program established in Section 53B-10-101.
- (2) The State Board of Regents shall administer the Terrel H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans Program in accordance with criteria, policies, and procedures established by the board and the State Board of Education.

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