



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB4652

Introduced 2/6/2024, by Rep. Barbara Hernandez

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 205/9.44 new

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the Board of Higher Education shall create a student teaching stipend program to alleviate the financial burden of student teaching and to encourage students to pursue teaching careers to alleviate this State's teacher shortage. Provides that to participate in the stipend program, an eligible student must be placed as a student teacher no later than June 1, 2025 or no later than June 1 each year thereafter. Provides that an educator preparation program shall notify the Board of all eligible students who qualify for the stipend program by July 1, 2025 and no later than July 1 each year thereafter and all eligible students shall be participants in the stipend program. Provides that no later than August 1, 2025 and no later than August 1 each year thereafter, subject to available appropriations, the Board shall disburse to each educator preparation program funds to distribute to each eligible student a stipend of up to \$10,000 per semester for up to 2 consecutive semesters, plus additional funds to pay the direct costs of operating the stipend program. Provides that the educator preparation program shall distribute stipend funds using the standard methods for allocating State-based financial aid or as wages for employment to each eligible student in monthly installments. Sets forth additional provisions concerning the distribution of funds. Provides for rulemaking.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 9.44 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 205/9.44 new)

7 Sec. 9.44. Student teaching stipend program.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Educator preparation program" means an approved educator  
10 preparation program offered by a recognized school or  
11 institution under Article 21B of the School Code.

12 "Eligible student" means a student who is enrolled in an  
13 educator preparation program, who is maintaining satisfactory  
14 academic progress, who is in a student teaching placement, and  
15 who is not contracted as the teacher of record for the student  
16 teaching placement.

17 "Student teaching" means a supervised clinical experience  
18 that prepares a candidate to take full responsibility in an  
19 instructional setting.

20 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Board shall create a  
21 student teaching stipend program to alleviate the financial  
22 burden of student teaching and to encourage students to pursue  
23 teaching careers to alleviate this State's teacher shortage.

1       (c) To participate in the stipend program, an eligible  
2 student must be placed as a student teacher no later than June  
3 1, 2025 or no later than June 1 each year thereafter. An  
4 educator preparation program shall notify the Board of all  
5 eligible students who qualify for the stipend program by July  
6 1, 2025 and no later than July 1 each year thereafter, and all  
7 eligible students shall be participants in the stipend  
8 program.

9       (d) Under the stipend program and subject to available  
10 appropriations, no later than August 1, 2025 and no later than  
11 August 1 each year thereafter, the Board shall disburse to  
12 each educator preparation program funds to distribute to each  
13 eligible student a stipend of up to \$10,000 per semester for up  
14 to 2 consecutive semesters, plus additional funds to pay the  
15 direct costs of operating the stipend program. The educator  
16 preparation program shall distribute stipend funds using the  
17 standard methods for allocating State-based financial aid or  
18 as wages for employment to each eligible student in monthly  
19 installments.

20       (e) If there is a surplus appropriated in a fiscal year for  
21 the stipend program, then the Board shall increase the amount  
22 distributed to each educator preparation program by the same  
23 percentage that the surplus bears to the amount required to  
24 fully fund the total number of eligible students who qualify  
25 for the stipend program that fiscal year. An educator  
26 preparation program shall increase the stipend amounts

1 distributed to each eligible student in proportion to the  
2 surplus.

3 (f) If the amount appropriated in a fiscal year for the  
4 stipend program is insufficient to fully fund stipends for the  
5 total number of eligible students for that fiscal year, then  
6 the Board shall reduce the amount distributed to each educator  
7 preparation program by the same percentage that the deficit  
8 bears to the amount required to fully fund the total number of  
9 eligible students who qualify for the stipend program. An  
10 educator preparation program shall reduce the stipend amounts  
11 distributed to each eligible student in proportion to the  
12 deficit.

13 (g) Funds not distributed by an educator preparation  
14 program shall be returned to the Board to be used for the  
15 subsequent fiscal year's stipend program.

16 (h) The Board shall adopt rules regarding the  
17 administration of the stipend program.