

HB 792 -- TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

SPONSOR: Lewis

This bill modifies the current "Teacher Recruitment and Retention State Scholarship Program" to allow for scholarships to cover education costs related to teacher preparation in addition to tuition.

If the currently authorized scholarship amount is not fully awarded due to lack of qualified applicants the bill creates an additional scholarship award for students in their final semester of student teaching. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will determine the amount for such additional scholarships. The amount granted for tuition can not exceed the amount per semester of tuition for a Missouri resident at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The bill removes a requirement that school districts pay 25% of the cost for any scholarship recipient that was hired by such district.