

IC 21-13

ARTICLE 13. OCCUPATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

IC 21-13-1

Chapter 1. General Provisions; Definitions

IC 21-13-1-1

Definitions

Sec. 1. Unless otherwise provided, the definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-1-2

"Commission"

Sec. 2. "Commission" refers to the commission for higher education.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.107-2012, SEC.32.

IC 21-13-1-3

"Eligible institution"

Sec. 3. "Eligible institution" means a public or private college or university that offers a student the opportunity to acquire at least a baccalaureate degree in the field of education.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-1-4

"Eligible student"

Sec. 4. "Eligible student", for purposes of section 8 of this chapter, means a person who:

- (1) is a member of the Indiana National Guard:
 - (A) in active drilling status; and
 - (B) who has not been absent without leave within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date the person applies for a tuition scholarship under this chapter;
- (2) does not possess a bachelor's degree from an approved postsecondary educational institution;
- (3) possesses the requisite academic qualifications;
- (4) meets the requirements of the state educational institution in which the person is enrolled or will enroll; and
- (5) meets all other eligibility requirements as determined by the commission.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-1-5

"Fund"

Sec. 5. "Fund":

- (1) for purposes of IC 21-13-2, refers to the minority teacher scholarship fund established by IC 21-13-2-1;

(2) for purposes of IC 21-13-4, refers to the National Guard tuition supplement program fund established by IC 21-13-4-1;
(3) for purposes of IC 21-13-5, refers to the National Guard scholarship extension fund established by IC 21-13-5-1; and
(4) for purposes of IC 21-13-6, refers to the primary care physician loan forgiveness fund established by IC 21-13-6-3.
As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.144-2007, SEC.19; P.L.170-2009, SEC.3; P.L.205-2013, SEC.315.

IC 21-13-1-6

"Minority"

Sec. 6. "Minority" means an individual identified as black or Hispanic.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-1-7

"Scholarship"

Sec. 7. "Scholarship", for purposes of IC 21-13-4, means financial assistance provided to a student to offset the educational costs incurred by the student in attending a state educational institution as determined by the commission.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-1-8

"Scholarship applicant"

Sec. 8. "Scholarship applicant", for purposes of IC 21-13-4, means a person who:

- (1) is an eligible student;
- (2) is a resident of Indiana;
- (3) has been accepted to attend a state educational institution as a full-time or part-time student;
- (4) has been certified to have met all National Guard requirements; and
- (5) according to commission requirements, has timely filed an application for any federal and state financial assistance available to the person to attend a state educational institution.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-1-9

"Scholarship extension applicant"

Sec. 9. "Scholarship extension applicant", for purposes of IC 21-13-5, means a person who:

- (1) is a former member of the Indiana National Guard who was called to active duty at least one (1) time while a member of the Indiana National Guard;
- (2) was a scholarship applicant when the person was called to active duty;
- (3) is a resident of Indiana;
- (4) has been accepted to attend a state educational institution as a full-time or part-time student; and

(5) according to commission requirements, has timely filed an application for any federal and state financial assistance available to the person to attend a state educational institution.
As added by P.L.144-2007, SEC.20.

IC 21-13-2

Chapter 2. Minority Teacher Scholarships

IC 21-13-2-1

Minority teacher scholarship fund established

Sec. 1. The minority teacher scholarship fund is established:

- (1) to encourage and promote qualified minority individuals to pursue a career in teaching in accredited schools in Indiana;
- (2) to enhance the number of individuals who may serve as role models for the minority students in Indiana; and
- (3) to rectify the shortage of minority teachers teaching in accredited schools in Indiana.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.205-2013, SEC.316.

IC 21-13-2-2

Administration of fund

Sec. 2. (a) The commission shall administer the fund.

(b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-2-3

Money in fund; use

Sec. 3. Money in the fund shall be used to provide annual scholarships to individuals who qualify for a scholarship under section 4 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.205-2013, SEC.317.

IC 21-13-2-4

Initial scholarship qualifications

Sec. 4. An individual qualifies for an initial scholarship from the fund if the individual:

- (1) is a minority student;
- (2) is admitted to an eligible institution as a full-time student or already attends an eligible institution as a full-time student;
- (3) either:
 - (A) intends to pursue; or
 - (B) in the case of a student who is already attending an eligible institution, pursues;

a course of study that would enable the student, upon graduation, to teach in an accredited school in Indiana;

- (4) agrees, in writing, to apply for a teaching position in an accredited school in Indiana following that student's certification as a teacher, and, if hired, to teach for at least three (3) years; and

(5) meets any other minimum criteria established by the commission.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.205-2013, SEC.318.

IC 21-13-2-5

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.205-2013, SEC.319.)

IC 21-13-2-6

Renewal of scholarships; term

Sec. 6. Subject to section 12 of this chapter, a scholarship may be renewed under this chapter for a total scholarship award that does not exceed the number of academic terms that constitutes four (4) undergraduate academic years. However, an eligible institution may not grant a scholarship renewal to a student for an academic year that ends later than six (6) years after the date the student received the initial scholarship under this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.205-2013, SEC.320; P.L.281-2013, SEC.31; P.L.2-2014, SEC.93.

IC 21-13-2-7

Renewal of scholarships; conditions

Sec. 7. To qualify for a scholarship renewal from the fund, a minority student that qualified for the initial scholarship under section 4 of this chapter must:

- (1) comply with the criteria in section 4 of this chapter; and
- (2) maintain at least the cumulative grade point average:
 - (A) that is required by an eligible institution for admission to the eligible institution's school of education; or
 - (B) of 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent as established by the eligible institution if the eligible institution's school of education does not require a certain minimum cumulative grade point average.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.205-2013, SEC.321.

IC 21-13-2-8

Amount of scholarship

Sec. 8. Except as provided in this chapter, a scholarship is equal to the lesser of the following amounts:

- (1) The balance of the student's total cost in attending the eligible institution for the academic year.
- (2) One thousand dollars (\$1,000).

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-2-9

Minority student qualifications

Sec. 9. (a) This section applies if a minority student:

- (1) initially qualifies for a scholarship under section 4 of this

chapter; and

(2) demonstrates to the commission financial need in an amount greater than described in section 8 of this chapter.

(b) The annual scholarship that the minority student may receive is equal to the lesser of the following amounts:

(1) The balance of the student's total cost in attending the eligible institution for the academic year.

(2) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-2-10

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.107-2012, SEC.33.)

IC 21-13-2-11

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.205-2013, SEC.322.)

IC 21-13-2-12

Determination of scholarship recipients

Sec. 12. The commission shall determine the scholarship recipients under this chapter:

(1) based upon:

(A) the criteria set forth in section 4 of this chapter; and

(B) the rules adopted by the commission; and

(2) with a priority on granting scholarships in the following order:

(A) Minority students seeking a renewal scholarship.

(B) Newly enrolling minority students.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.205-2013, SEC.323.

IC 21-13-2-13

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.205-2013, SEC.324.)

IC 21-13-2-14

Amount of scholarship; conditions

Sec. 14. (a) The amount of a scholarship awarded under this chapter may not be reduced because the student receives other scholarships or forms of financial aid.

(b) Except as otherwise permitted by law, the amount of any other state financial aid received by a student may not be reduced because the student receives a scholarship under this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-2-15

(Repealed by P.L.205-2013, SEC.325.)

IC 21-13-2-16

Commission report on effectiveness of program

Sec. 16. Before January 1, 2015, the commission shall provide a report in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 to the general assembly regarding the effectiveness of the program.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.326.

IC 21-13-3

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.205-2013, SEC.327.)

IC 21-13-4

Chapter 4. National Guard Tuition Supplement Program

IC 21-13-4-0.2

Application of certain amendments to prior law

Sec. 0.2. IC 20-12-74-7 (as amended by P.L.52-2000, before its repeal, now codified at sections 2 and 3 of this chapter) applies to a student enrolled at a state educational institution after July 31, 2000. *As added by P.L.220-2011, SEC.345.*

IC 21-13-4-1

National Guard tuition supplement program fund; administration

Sec. 1. (a) The National Guard tuition supplement program fund is established to provide the financial resources necessary to award the tuition scholarships authorized under the program.

(b) The commission shall administer the fund.

(c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund but remains available to be used for providing money for national guard tuition supplement scholarships under this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.234-2007, SEC.59.

IC 21-13-4-2

Use of fund; amount of scholarships; term of eligibility

Sec. 2. Money in the National Guard tuition supplement program fund shall be used to provide annual scholarships to scholarship applicants in an amount that is equal to one (1) of the following amounts:

(1) If the scholarship applicant does not receive other financial assistance specifically designated for educational costs, the amount equal to a full tuition scholarship to attend the state educational institution.

(2) If the scholarship applicant receives other financial assistance specifically designated for educational costs, the amount:

(A) equal to the balance required to attend the state educational institution; and

(B) not to exceed the amount described in subdivision (1).

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254.

IC 21-13-4-3

Renewal of scholarship

Sec. 3. Each scholarship awarded under this chapter:

(1) may be renewed under this chapter for a total scholarship award that does not exceed the equivalent of the number of terms that constitutes four (4) undergraduate academic years; and

(2) is subject to other eligibility criteria as established by the commission.

As added by P.L.2-2007, SEC.254. Amended by P.L.281-2013, SEC.32.

IC 21-13-5

Chapter 5. National Guard Scholarship Extension Program

IC 21-13-5-1

Establishment of fund

Sec. 1. (a) The National Guard scholarship extension fund is established to provide the financial resources necessary to award tuition scholarships to scholarship extension applicants.

(b) The commission shall administer the fund. The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(c) The fund consists of money transferred to the fund from the National Guard scholarship program reserves.

(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

As added by P.L.144-2007, SEC.21.

IC 21-13-5-2

Purpose of fund

Sec. 2. Money in the National Guard scholarship extension fund shall be used to provide annual scholarships to scholarship extension applicants in an amount determined by the commission.

As added by P.L.144-2007, SEC.21.

IC 21-13-5-3

Application

Sec. 3. A scholarship extension applicant shall apply for a tuition scholarship under this chapter not later than one (1) year after the scholarship extension applicant ceases to be a member of the National Guard.

As added by P.L.144-2007, SEC.21.

IC 21-13-5-4

Eligibility

Sec. 4. A scholarship extension applicant is eligible for a tuition scholarship under this chapter for a period not to exceed the period the scholarship extension applicant served on active duty as a member of the National Guard.

As added by P.L.144-2007, SEC.21.

IC 21-13-5-5

Authority to adopt rules

Sec. 5. The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

As added by P.L.144-2007, SEC.21.

IC 21-13-6

Chapter 6. Primary Care Physician Loan Forgiveness Program

IC 21-13-6-1

"Primary care physician"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "primary care physician" means a physician who practices in any of the following areas:

- (1) Family practice.
- (2) Pediatrics.
- (3) Obstetrics and gynecology.
- (4) Internal medicine.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-6-2

Primary care physician loan forgiveness program

Sec. 2. (a) The primary care physician loan forgiveness program is established.

(b) The commission shall administer the primary care physician loan forgiveness program.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-6-3

Primary care physician loan forgiveness fund

Sec. 3. (a) The primary care physician loan forgiveness fund is established to encourage and promote qualified physicians to pursue a medical career in Indiana.

(b) The fund consists of the following:

- (1) Appropriations by the general assembly.
- (2) Gifts to the fund.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-6-4

Administration of fund

Sec. 4. (a) The commission shall administer the fund.

(b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds. Interest that accrues from those investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(d) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund but remains available to be used to provide money for student loan forgiveness payments under this chapter.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-6-5

Student loan forgiveness payments

Sec. 5. (a) The money in the fund must be used to provide annual student loan forgiveness payments to qualified primary care

physicians who are residents of Indiana and practice medicine in Indiana.

(b) Subject to section 8 of this chapter, a student loan forgiveness payment awarded in a particular year under this section is equal to the lesser of the following amounts:

- (1) The balance of the physician's total amount of student loans.
- (2) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

(c) A primary care physician is eligible for a student loan forgiveness payment under this section each year that the individual meets the qualifications under section 6 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-6-6

Requirements for student loan forgiveness program

Sec. 6. To qualify for a student loan forgiveness payment from the fund, an individual must:

- (1) be a resident of Indiana;
- (2) be licensed as a physician under IC 25-22.5;
- (3) practice as a primary care physician;
- (4) conduct the majority of the individual's medical practice in Indiana;
- (5) have an outstanding student loan balance at the beginning of the calendar year; and
- (6) be approved by the commission.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-6-7

Medical education board reports

Sec. 7. The medical education board shall annually make available to the commission the most recent information concerning the number of primary care physicians who are serving as medical residents in Indiana.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-6-8

Allocation of funds

Sec. 8. The commission shall annually allocate the available money in the fund to each primary care physician approved under this chapter in proportion to the total number of primary care physicians approved under this chapter.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-6-9

Applicant information requirements

Sec. 9. Each:

- (1) primary care physician who applies under this chapter; and
- (2) primary care physician approved under this chapter;

shall provide to the commission any information that the commission determines is necessary to administer this chapter.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-7

Chapter 7. Student Teaching Stipend for High-Need Fields

IC 21-13-7-1

Application requirements

Sec. 1. An individual may apply for a stipend under this chapter if the individual:

- (1) is a student who is enrolled in a course of study that would enable the student, upon graduation, to teach in an accredited school in Indiana in:
 - (A) special education; or
 - (B) a high-need field;
- (2) will participate in student teaching as part of the student's degree requirements;
- (3) has earned a cumulative grade point average upon entering student teaching of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent as determined by the eligible institution; and
- (4) meets any other minimum criteria established by the commission.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.328.

IC 21-13-7-2

Payment of stipends

Sec. 2. (a) A student who has applied for the stipend under section 1 of this chapter and has been approved by the commission may request payment of the stipend after demonstrating that the student will engage in student teaching during the upcoming academic term.

(b) The stipend may not exceed:

- (1) for a student with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent as determined by the eligible institution, based on the most recently concluded academic term, five thousand dollars (\$5,000); or
- (2) for a student with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and less than 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent as determined by the eligible institution, based on the most recently concluded academic term, four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

(c) The commission shall pay the stipend directly to the student.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.328.

IC 21-13-7-3

Effect of other scholarships, stipends, or financial aid

Sec. 3. (a) The amount of a stipend awarded under this chapter may not be reduced because the student receives other scholarships or forms of financial aid.

(b) Except as otherwise permitted by law, the amount of any other state financial aid received by a student may not be reduced because the student receives a stipend under this chapter.

(c) A student may concurrently receive a stipend under this chapter and a stipend under IC 21-13-8.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.328.

IC 21-13-7-4

Rules

Sec. 4. The commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer this chapter.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.328.

IC 21-13-8

Chapter 8. Student Teaching Stipend for Minorities

IC 21-13-8-1

Application requirements

Sec. 1. An individual may apply for a stipend under this chapter if the individual:

- (1) is a minority student;
- (2) will participate in student teaching as part of the student's degree requirements;
- (3) has earned a cumulative grade point average upon entering student teaching of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent as determined by the eligible institution; and
- (4) meets any other minimum criteria established by the commission.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.329.

IC 21-13-8-2

Payment of stipends

Sec. 2. (a) A student who has applied for the stipend under section 1 of this chapter and has been approved by the commission may request payment of the stipend after demonstrating that the student will engage in student teaching during the upcoming academic term.

(b) The stipend may not exceed:

- (1) for a student with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent as determined by the eligible institution, based on the most recently concluded academic term, five thousand dollars (\$5,000); or
- (2) for a student with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and less than 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent as determined by the eligible institution, based on the most recently concluded academic term, four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

(c) The commission shall pay the stipend directly to the student.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.329.

IC 21-13-8-3

Effect of other scholarships, stipends, or financial aid

Sec. 3. (a) The amount of a stipend awarded under this chapter may not be reduced because the student receives other scholarships or forms of financial aid.

(b) Except as otherwise permitted by law, the amount of any other state financial aid received by a student may not be reduced because the student receives a stipend under this chapter.

(c) A student may concurrently receive a stipend under this chapter and a stipend under IC 21-13-7.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.329.

IC 21-13-8-4

Rules

Sec. 4. The commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer this chapter.
As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.329.

IC 21-13-9

Chapter 9. Primary Care Shortage Area Scholarship

IC 21-13-9-1

"Licensed physician"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "licensed physician" means an individual:

- (1) who holds an unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana under IC 25-22.5, including an osteopathic physician; and
- (2) who practices primary care.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.219.

IC 21-13-9-2

"Primary care"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "primary care" means the practice of medicine in any of the following areas:

- (1) Family practice.
- (2) Pediatrics.
- (3) Obstetrics and gynecology.
- (4) Internal medicine.
- (5) Psychiatric.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.219.

IC 21-13-9-3

Student scholarship program administered by Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine for residents in primary care shortage areas

Sec. 3. (a) The Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine shall administer a student scholarship program to increase the availability of primary care for residents in primary care shortage areas by providing incentives to medical students who agree to provide primary care in a shortage area immediately after becoming a licensed physician.

(b) A scholarship awarded under this chapter must be used to provide supplemental support to a medical student enrolled at the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine and may not be used to reduce any other financial aid, grant, or scholarship the student may otherwise receive.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.219.

IC 21-13-9-4

Scholarship criteria

Sec. 4. Before providing a scholarship to a student, the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine must find that the applicant satisfies all the following conditions:

- (1) The applicant is and remains an Indiana resident.
- (2) The applicant is enrolled full time in the first year class at the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine in a program that will prepare the applicant to provide primary care

as a licensed physician.

(3) If the applicant is receiving a scholarship for the second through fourth year of the program, the applicant successfully completed the academic work required for the previous school year.

(4) The applicant remains in good standing with the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine program.

(5) The applicant agrees to execute a written primary care practice agreement with the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine as required by section 6 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.219.

IC 21-13-9-5

Scholarship selection; maximum scholarship amount

Sec. 5. (a) The Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine shall select from among the qualified students who will receive a scholarship under this chapter. The Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine may not create or use a waiting list for scholarships under this chapter.

(b) The amount of the scholarship that may be awarded to a qualified student for a particular school year shall be determined by the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine and may not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). A qualified student may not qualify for a scholarship for more than four (4) school years.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.219.

IC 21-13-9-6

Scholarship recipient primary care practice agreement

Sec. 6. A scholarship recipient must execute a written primary care practice agreement with the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine, with the terms and conditions and in the form and manner required by the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine. The agreement must provide that the scholarship recipient shall do at least the following:

(1) Continually satisfy the requirements of section 4 of this chapter during the school year.

(2) Complete the requirements of the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine program by the end of the fourth year after receiving the first scholarship under this chapter.

(3) Will practice primary care in a primary care shortage area for four (4) years. This requirement includes the time spent in any residency program that is located in a primary care shortage area.

(4) Return the amount specified in the agreement, not to exceed the total of all scholarships received, to the commission for higher education if the scholarship recipient fails to comply with all the terms and conditions of the agreement. If the noncompliance is because the scholarship recipient did not comply with subdivision (3), the minimum amount that must be returned is the highest scholarship amount received for a school

year multiplied by the number of years the scholarship recipient did not comply with subdivision (3).

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.219.

IC 21-13-9-7

Distributions to Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Sec. 7. (a) To receive a distribution under this chapter, the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine shall make a written request for the distribution to the commission for higher education specifying the amount of the distribution requested. The commission for higher education shall review the request and determine the amount of the request that should be approved for distribution.

(b) The budget agency may not allot money appropriated for scholarship distributions under this chapter until after the distribution request by the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine is approved by the commission for higher education, after review by the budget committee.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.219. Amended by P.L.2-2014, SEC.94.

IC 21-13-10

Chapter 10. Teacher Loan Repayment Program and Fund

IC 21-13-10-1

"Critical shortage area"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "critical shortage area" means a geographic area determined annually by the department of education established by IC 20-19-3-1 to have, or projected within the next twelve (12) months to have, a shortage of licensed, full-time elementary or high school teachers.

As added by P.L.46-2014, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-10-2

"Fund"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the teacher loan repayment fund established by section 3 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.46-2014, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-10-3

Teacher loan repayment fund established; purpose; administration

Sec. 3. (a) The teacher loan repayment fund is established.

(b) The purpose of the fund is to attract qualified teachers who:

(1) graduated from an accredited Indiana high school after June 30, 2014, and either:

(A) were in the highest twenty percent (20%) of students in their high school graduating classes; or

(B) received scores in the top twentieth percentile on the SAT or ACT examination;

(2) graduated from a four (4) year postsecondary educational institution with at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent; and

(3) teach, for at least three (3) consecutive years in public schools in Indiana:

(A) science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or special education classes; or

(B) in a critical shortage area;

by granting loan repayment assistance authorized under this chapter to eligible applicants.

(c) The fund consists of appropriations to the fund and gifts, grants, devises, or bequests made to the state to achieve the purposes of the fund.

(d) The fund shall be administered by the commission. The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(e) Loan repayment assistance payments shall be made from the fund by the treasurer of state upon a warrant issued by the auditor of state in accordance with rules adopted by the commission.

As added by P.L.46-2014, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-10-4

Commission to consider applications

Sec. 4. The commission shall receive and consider all applications for loan repayment assistance received from qualified teachers with outstanding guaranteed student loans made, issued, or guaranteed under a program authorized by Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.).

As added by P.L.46-2014, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-10-5

Teacher qualifications for loan repayment; requirements

Sec. 5. (a) To qualify for loan repayment assistance for student loans under this chapter, an applicant must:

- (1) hold a license to teach under IC 20-28-5;
- (2) agree in writing to the employment requirements set forth in section 7 of this chapter; and
- (3) meet any additional criteria established by the commission.

(b) At the end of the third consecutive school year in which a teacher who qualifies under subsection (a) has taught, the commission shall pay directly to the financial institution that holds the qualified teacher's student loans an amount not to exceed the lesser of:

- (1) the total principal and interest of the guaranteed student loans owed by the teacher at the end of the third year; or
- (2) an amount determined by the commission based on the funds appropriated to the program;

which must be used to reduce the principal and interest on a guaranteed student loan owed by that qualified teacher.

(c) The commission may pay a qualified teacher's student loans under subsection (b) only if the following requirements are met:

- (1) The qualified teacher received the student loans for an undergraduate degree that was necessary for either the subject area in which the qualified teacher teaches or for the qualified teacher to receive a teaching license.
- (2) The qualified teacher's repayment of the loans is current at the time the commission makes the payment under subsection (b).

The requirements under this subsection are in addition to the requirements set forth in section 7 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.46-2014, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-10-6

Loan repayment application form

Sec. 6. A qualified teacher must apply for a loan repayment on a form supplied by the commission. The commission shall consider each application and determine the eligibility of the applicant for the loan repayment assistance.

As added by P.L.46-2014, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-10-7

Requirement for contract; conditions

Sec. 7. (a) Before being granted loan repayment assistance under this chapter, a teacher must:

- (1) apply for the loan repayment assistance not later than twenty-four (24) months after graduating from a postsecondary educational institution; and
- (2) enter into a contract with the commission agreeing to the terms and conditions upon which the loan repayment assistance will be granted to the teacher.

(b) As a condition of being granted loan repayment assistance under this chapter, a teacher must agree to employment for a period of at least three (3) consecutive years as a licensed teacher in a public school in Indiana in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or special education, or in a critical shortage area. The teacher is not required to teach at the same public school for three (3) consecutive years.

(c) Service rendered by a teacher in a public school before the teacher becomes a participant in the program may not be considered to have fulfilled the employment commitment required by subsection (b).

As added by P.L.46-2014, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-10-8

Eligibility for repayment only if appropriation has been made

Sec. 8. A teacher is eligible to receive loan repayment assistance under this chapter only if an appropriation has been made to carry out the specific purposes of this chapter.

As added by P.L.46-2014, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-10-9

Records

Sec. 9. The commission shall maintain complete and accurate records in implementing the fund, including records of the following:

- (1) The receipt, disbursement, and uses of money from the fund.
- (2) The number of applications for loan repayment assistance.
- (3) The number and amount of loans for which loan repayment assistance has been provided by the department.
- (4) Other pertinent information requested by the commission.

As added by P.L.46-2014, SEC.4.

IC 21-13-10-10

Rules

Sec. 10. The commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to carry out this chapter, including rules governing the enforcement of any employment requirements.

As added by P.L.46-2014, SEC.4.