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SUMMARY

Student teacher stipend and tuition rate

- Allows a public school to pay a student teacher a stipend in an amount determined by the school.
- Authorizes a state institution of higher education to establish a lower differential tuition rate, which may include a waiver of general or instructional fees, for an individual enrolled in a teacher preparation program for the period during which the individual is working as a student teacher or participating in any other teacher preparation program field experience.

List of in-demand teaching jobs

- Requires the Department of Job and Family Services to create a list of in-demand teaching jobs in Ohio.

Bill designation

- Entitles the bill the "Future Educators Support Act."

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Student teacher stipend and tuition rate

The bill allows a public school (a school district, an educational service center, a community school, or a STEM school) to pay a student teacher a stipend in an amount determined by the school.[1]

Under the bill, a state institution of higher education may establish a lower differential tuition rate, which may include a waiver of general or instructional fees, for an individual enrolled in a teacher preparation program for the period in which the individual is working as a student teacher or participating in any teacher preparation program field experiences the state institution determines to be similar to student teaching.[2]

In-demand teaching jobs list

The bill requires the Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) to use data related to employment and vacancies in schools collected, published, and summarized by the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) under continuing law to create a list of in-demand teaching jobs in Ohio and each region of the state. The list must identify the license required for each in-demand teaching job. Both JFS and DEW must publish the list on their websites. Under the bill, JFS and DEW must periodically update the list to reflect changes in the data. JFS must create (and both departments must publish) the initial list as soon as practicable after the bill's effective date.[3]

Continuing law requires the Governor's Executive Workforce Board, in connection with JFS, DEW, and higher education institutions, to develop a methodology for identifying in-demand jobs. The Departments and higher education institutions, in consultation with the Board, must use that methodology to create a list of in-demand jobs in Ohio and each region of the state. Both Departments must post that list on their websites.[4]

The list of in-demand teaching jobs required by the bill is in addition to the list of in-demand jobs required under continuing law.[5]

[1] R.C. 3319.70.

[2] R.C. 3345.84.

[3] R.C. 6301.113 by reference to R.C. 3301.82, not in the bill.

[4] R.C. 6301.11, not in the bill; see also the In-Demand Jobs List.

[5] R.C. 6301.113.

HISTORY

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