

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5752

May 30, 2024, Introduced by Rep. Weiss and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 2022 PA 180, entitled

"An act to establish a student mental health apprenticeship retention and training (SMART) internship grant program; to prescribe conditions for the administration of the student mental health apprenticeship retention and training (SMART) internship grant program; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments; and to require the promulgation of rules,"

by amending section 3 (MCL 388.1953).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 3. (1) The department shall create and administer a  
 2 student mental health apprenticeship retention and training (SMART)  
 3 internship grant program to provide grants to designated recipients  
 4 and to provide grants to field supervisors, field instructors, and  
 5 supervisors as described in this act. It is the intent of the  
 6 legislature that the grant program lead to, at a minimum, ~~both of~~  
 7 ~~the following:~~

8           ~~(a) The~~ **the** provision of paid and educationally meaningful  
 9 internship practicum in school settings for designated recipients.

10           ~~(b) The utilization of funding obtained by a public school~~  
 11 ~~under section 310 of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94,~~  
 12 ~~MCL 388.16310, as permitted under that section, to hire designated~~  
 13 ~~recipients who obtained a grant under this act.~~

14           (2) The department shall administer grant funding through the  
 15 grant program to designated recipients through agreements. ~~The~~  
 16 ~~agreements described in this subsection must meet the following~~  
 17 ~~criteria:~~

18           ~~(a) Subject to subsection (4), the department shall administer~~  
 19 grant funding as described in this subsection in an amount per  
 20 eligible designated recipient that is equal to \$25.00 per hour for  
 21 each hour spent in an intern capacity for up to 20 hours per week  
 22 of an internship in a public school that occurs over a 30-week  
 23 period in a school year or a lump sum amount equal to \$15,000.00  
 24 for up to 20 hours per week of an internship in a public school  
 25 that occurs over a 30-week period in a school year. The lump sum  
 26 amount described in this ~~subdivision~~ **subsection** must be paid at the  
 27 end of the 30-week period described in this ~~subdivision~~.

28 **subsection.** As used in this ~~subdivision~~, **subsection**, "eligible  
 29 designated recipient" means a designated recipient to whom ~~both~~

1 **either** of the following ~~apply:~~

2 ~~(i) Either of the following:~~**applies**

3 **(a)** ~~(A)~~The individual is enrolled in a graduate-level mental  
4 health professional program described in section 1(c), ~~who~~ is in  
5 the first year of an internship period required by the program, and  
6 ~~who~~ is serving as a substitute teacher or in a paraprofessional  
7 role in a public school as described in this ~~subdivision~~**subsection**  
8 or ~~who~~ is in a supervised role in a public school as described in  
9 this ~~subdivision~~**subsection** and following best-practice training  
10 and supervision requirements as indicated by national standards set  
11 forth by the appropriate national professional organizations. As  
12 used in this ~~sub-subparagraph~~**subdivision**, "supervised role" means  
13 a role in which the individual is supervised by a field supervisor,  
14 field instructor, or supervisor while ~~he or she~~**the individual** is  
15 serving in the role.

16 **(b)** ~~(B)~~The individual is enrolled in a graduate-level mental  
17 health professional program described in section 1(c), ~~who~~ is in  
18 the second year of an internship period required by the program,  
19 and ~~who~~ is in a supervised role in a public school as described in  
20 this ~~subdivision~~**subsection** and following best-practice training  
21 and supervision requirements as indicated by national standards set  
22 forth by the appropriate national professional organizations. As  
23 used in this ~~sub-subparagraph~~**subdivision**, "supervised role" means  
24 a role in which the individual is supervised by a field supervisor,  
25 field instructor, or supervisor while ~~he or she~~**the individual** is  
26 serving in the role.

27 ~~(ii) At least 1 of the following applies to the individual's~~  
28 ~~work as described under this subdivision:~~

29 ~~(A) The individual is interning in a discipline that has been~~

1 ~~designated as critical shortage by the superintendent of public~~  
 2 ~~instruction for the immediately preceding school fiscal year under~~  
 3 ~~section 38 of the public school employees retirement act of 1979,~~  
 4 ~~1980 PA 300, MCL 38.1361.~~

5 ~~(B) The individual is interning in a public school in which~~  
 6 ~~not less than 50% of pupils enrolled are eligible for free or~~  
 7 ~~reduced-price meals under the Richard B. Russell national school~~  
 8 ~~lunch act, 42 USC 1751 to 1769j.~~

9 ~~(C) The individual is interning in a public school that~~  
 10 ~~received funding under section 22d of the state school aid act of~~  
 11 ~~1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1622d, in the immediately preceding~~  
 12 ~~school fiscal year.~~

13 ~~(b) Include a requirement that the designated recipient who~~  
 14 ~~receives funding through the grant program shall work at a public~~  
 15 ~~school for not less than 3 school years as of the date of the~~  
 16 ~~agreement.~~

17 (3) A payment or payments of funding through the grant program  
 18 must be made as follows to designated recipients, pursuant to an  
 19 agreement between the designated recipient, the public school in  
 20 which ~~he or she~~ **the designated recipient** is interning as described  
 21 in subsection (2), and the graduate-level mental health  
 22 professional program described in section 1(c) that ~~he or she~~ **the**  
 23 **designated recipient** is enrolled:

24 (a) On the same pay period or schedule offered to other  
 25 educational professionals at the public school in which the  
 26 designated recipient is serving for purposes of qualifying for  
 27 funding under this act.

28 (b) Through 1 lump-sum payment on the date on which the  
 29 designated recipient's service for purposes of qualifying for

1 funding under this act ends.

2 (4) Both of the following apply to funding distributions as  
3 described in subsection (2), as applicable:

4 (a) For recipients of the funding who receive \$25.00 per hour  
5 as described in subsection (2):

6 (i) If the recipient permanently ceases to satisfy the  
7 qualification requirements that initially made the recipient  
8 eligible for funding under this act either by ~~his or her~~ **the**  
9 **recipient's** own initiative, by initiative of the public school in  
10 which ~~he or she~~ **the recipient** was interning, or by initiative of  
11 the graduate-level mental health professional program described in  
12 section 1(c), payments must stop as of the date on which this  
13 occurs.

14 (ii) If the recipient temporarily ceases to satisfy the  
15 qualification requirements that initially made the recipient  
16 eligible for funding under this act because ~~he or she~~ **the recipient**  
17 is relocating to intern in another public school or due to a leave  
18 of absence, payments must stop during the period which the  
19 individual does not meet the requirements, but may be continued  
20 when the individual again meets the qualification requirements, but  
21 must not be continued beyond 30 weeks from the date the individual  
22 initially started ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** internship at the  
23 public school under subsection (2).

24 (b) For recipients of the funding who receive the lump sum of  
25 \$15,000.00 as described in subsection (2):

26 (i) If the recipient permanently ceases to satisfy the  
27 qualification requirements that initially made the recipient  
28 eligible for funding under this act either by ~~his or her~~ **the**  
29 **recipient's** own initiative, by initiative of the public school in

1 which ~~he or she~~ **the recipient** was interning, or by initiative of  
2 the graduate-level mental health professional program described in  
3 section 1(c), the recipient may receive a pro rata amount of the  
4 lump sum that reflects the number of hours the individual interned  
5 at the public school while meeting the qualification requirements  
6 for funding under this act.

7 (ii) If the recipient temporarily ceases to satisfy the  
8 qualification requirements that initially made the recipient  
9 eligible for funding under this act because ~~he or she~~ **the recipient**  
10 is relocating to intern in another public school or due to a leave  
11 of absence, the individual is still eligible to receive the full  
12 amount of the lump sum if ~~he or she~~ **the individual** completes all of  
13 the qualification requirements for funding under this act.

14 (5) The department may, for extenuating circumstances, make a  
15 debt or expense repayment to a designated recipient before or  
16 during each year of service that the designated recipient will  
17 complete or is completing for purposes of qualifying for funding  
18 under this act.

19 (6) Each state university that designated recipients are  
20 enrolled in for the graduate-level mental health professional  
21 program described in section 1(c) may continue implementing any  
22 existing evaluation processes required as part of any  
23 certification, licensing, or approval requirements associated with  
24 serving as a school mental health professional. For purposes of  
25 this act, the results from an evaluation described in this  
26 subsection may be used as a reason for the individual's  
27 disqualification for grant funding under this act.

28 (7) A designated recipient that receives a grant under this  
29 act shall submit any evaluations ~~he or she~~ **the designated recipient**

1 receives as described in subsection (6) and any evaluations  
2 received from the public school in which ~~he or she~~ **the designated**  
3 **recipient** is interning as described in subsection (2) to the  
4 department. Upon receiving an evaluation as described in this  
5 subsection, the department shall determine whether the designated  
6 recipient is still eligible to receive grant funding under this  
7 section or whether the recipient is subject to subsection (4) and  
8 shall notify the recipient of its determination.

9 (8) The department shall administer grant funding through the  
10 grant program to field supervisors, field instructors, or  
11 supervisors. A grant to a field supervisor, field instructor, or  
12 supervisor under this subsection must not exceed \$250.00 for each  
13 designated recipient that ~~he or she~~ **the field supervisor, field**  
14 **instructor, or supervisor** supervises.

15 (9) A designated recipient who receives a grant under this act  
16 is not prohibited from applying for another grant under this act if  
17 ~~he or she~~ **the designated recipient** meets the qualifications for  
18 grant funding under this act.