

FISCAL NOTE

June 22, 2023

Bill No:	HB 1331	Printer's No:	1653	Sponsor:	Otten
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2022-23	2023-24
General Fund	\$0	\$73.700 million

SUMMARY: This bill amends the Public School Code, in preliminary provisions, providing for public job posting database, for instructional vacancy data and for data transparency; and establishing the Educator Pipeline Support Grant Program.

ANALYSIS: HB 1331 creates the Educator Pipeline Support Grant Program, administered by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), to provide one-time \$10,000 grants to eligible student teachers. Student teachers in high need areas, as determined by PHEAA, shall receive an additional \$5,000. Cooperating teachers shall receive a \$2,500 grant if the student teacher is awarded a grant. PHEAA may use state, federal, and private money for the program.

Student teachers must meet eligibility requirements, including higher education enrollment in Pennsylvania in an approved program and an agreement to work as a teacher in a Pennsylvania school for three years. PHEAA may take a reasonable administrative fee, not to exceed five percent of program funding, for direct administrative costs. PHEAA shall also prepare an annual report on the program.

This bill also requires the Department of Education (PDE) to:

- create an online database of student teaching opportunities submitted by schools,
- create an online public job posting database for schools to voluntarily advertise employee vacancies at no cost,
- and post an educator workforce data report as submitted by schools online if funding is made available for that purpose.

This bill also requires institutions of higher education that require a student teacher to take a class to offer the class virtually. Student teacher grants may not prohibit academic credit.

FISCAL IMPACT: HB 1331 carries a fiscal impact of \$73.700 million in 2023-24 and \$72.700 million in 2024-25 and out years. Estimates are based on Pennsylvania schools utilizing 5,000 student teachers per year and 25 percent qualifying for additional grants for underserved areas.

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	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25/Out Years
\$10,000 Student Teacher Grants	\$50 million	\$50 million
\$5,000 Underserved Area Grants (25 percent qualifying)	\$6.25 million	\$6.25 million
\$2,500 Cooperating Teacher Grants	\$12.5 million	\$12.5 million
PHEAA Administrative Costs (5 percent set-aside)	\$3.45 million	\$3.45 million
PDE Database Implementation	\$1 million	\$0
PDE Database Maintenance	\$0.500 million	\$0.500 million
Total	\$73.700 million	\$72.700 million