

HB 1932 -- Missouri Teacher Certification Incentive Program

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This bill establishes the Missouri Teacher Certification Incentive Program to assist noncertified instructional employees of school districts who have been accepted into college programs leading to teacher certification. The State Board of Education and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education will determine eligibility criteria. For the initial three years of the grant program, the maximum award will be \$1,000. For the fourth and subsequent years, the coordinating board will determine the maximum amount. Each individual receiving a grant will enter into a contract with the coordinating board.

The Missouri Teacher Certification Incentive Fund is created and will be administered by the Department of Higher Education. The fund will consist of moneys appropriated by the General Assembly and any gifts, grants, or bequests from federal, private, or other sources for the purpose of assisting noncertified instructional employees in their education.