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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 331

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TEACHER ACADEMY
SCHOLARSHIPS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend Subchapter IV, Chapter 34, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by
2 strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 3438A. Teacher Academy scholarship.

4 (a) For purposes of this section:

5 (1) “Career and Technical Education programs” mean programs established by the Department of Education
6 that provide students with rigorous academic content, relevant technical knowledge and skills, and leadership
7 development in a particular field or provide students with the opportunity to participate in work-based learning and to
8 earn a recognized postsecondary credential as well as advanced postsecondary credit or standing in a particular field.

9 (2) “Educator preparation program” means a program for educator training approved by the Department of
10 Education in accordance with § 1280 of this title.

11 (3) “Teacher Academy” means a Career and Technical Education program offered in Delaware public
12 schools, including charter and vocational-technical schools, that prepares students for careers in elementary and
13 secondary education.

14 (b) There is established a Teacher Academy scholarship for individuals who have successfully completed a
15 Teacher Academy and are enrolled in a Delaware college or university.

16 (c) The scholarship award shall be \$2,500 for 1 year only. The money may be paid in 2 equal parts, 1 part to be
17 paid each semester.

18 (d) To be eligible for a Teacher Academy scholarship, an applicant must have completed a Teacher Academy and
19 be enrolled in an educator preparation program as a full-time student with the intent to earn a bachelor’s degree. The
20 applicant must attend the educator preparation program beginning the fall semester directly after high school graduation.

21 (e) Applicants applying for an educator support scholarship, under § 3438 of this title, shall also be considered for
22 the Teacher Academy scholarship. A separate application for a Teacher Academy scholarship may not be required.

23 (f) Applicants must apply for all appropriate forms of financial aid for which the student is eligible including the
24 Federal Pell Grant, financial aid programs administered by the Delaware Higher Education Office, and financial aid
25 programs administered by the institution of higher education. Applicants must accept all financial assistance offered or
26 awarded to the applicant, except for loans.

SYNOPSIS

This Act creates a scholarship for students who have completed a Delaware Teacher Academy and are enrolled in a Delaware Educator Preparation Program. This scholarship supplements the Educator Support Scholarship and is intended to fill a \$2500 funding gap for aspiring educators who are in their first year at an Educator Preparation Program.