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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 12

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. If there are more applicants than funding available, the Department of Education will develop criteria  
18 for a competitive awards process.

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

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

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

29           Section 2. The scholarship created by Section 1 of this Act will be available to students entering or enrolled in an  
30 educator preparation program beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. No more than 35 Teacher Academy scholarships  
31 may be awarded per year. The scholarship shall be expanded based on interest and funding in subsequent school years and  
32 will continue as funding is available.

#### 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. No more than 35 scholarships may be awarded. The scholarship will be expanded based on interest and funding in subsequent school years and will continue as funding is available.