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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 99

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HIGH NEEDS EDUCATOR STUDENT LOANS.

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

1 Section 1. Amend § 1102A, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 1102A. Definitions.

4 ~~The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them~~
5 ~~except when the context clearly indicates a different meaning:~~ For purposes of this chapter:

6 (3) "Educator" ~~shall have the meaning set forth~~ means as defined in § 1202 of this title. ~~The definition of~~
7 ~~"educator" title and~~ also includes teachers employed by the Delaware Division for the Visually Impaired ~~who teach visually~~
8 ~~impaired students.~~ Impaired.

9 (5) "High needs area" ~~means:~~ means any of the following:

10 a. ~~Any~~ A certification field the Department has identified as being difficult to staff or of critical ~~need,~~ or
11 need.

12 b. ~~Any school either:~~ A school for which any of the following apply:

13 1. ~~It~~ Is in the top quartile in 3 or more of the following:

14 A. Percentage of low-income ~~students,~~ students.

15 B. Percentage of English ~~learners,~~ learners.

16 C. Percentage of students with ~~disabilities,~~ or disabilities.

17 D. Percentage of minority ~~students;~~ or students.

18 2. ~~Having~~ Has 90% of its students classified as low-income, English learners, or minority.

19 c. ~~Any~~ Is in a facility operated by the Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families in
20 which education programs are provided.

- 21 d. An educator who is a member of a racial or ethnic group that does not represent the majority of the
22 State's population.
- 23 (8) "Minority students" means students who are members of a racial or ethnic group other than the racial or
24 ethnic group that represents the majority of the State's population.
- 25 (9) "Program" means the High Needs Educator Student Loan Payment Program established ~~in~~ under this
26 chapter.
- 27 (11) "School" means a Delaware public school, including a vocational-technical school and a charter school
28 established ~~pursuant to~~ under Chapter 5 of this title.
- 29 (12) "Secretary" means the ~~Delaware~~ Secretary of the Department of Education.

SYNOPSIS

This Act makes minority educators eligible for the High Needs Educator Student Loan Repayment Program.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

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