

Teach Iowa Scholar Program, Eligibility Requirements Bill House File 2752

Last Action:

House Floor

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An Act relating to the Teach Iowa Scholar Program, including modifying eligibility provisions and establishing funding allocations.

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BILL SUMMARY

Requires that the following criteria apply to moneys awarded from the Teach Iowa Scholar Fund beginning in FY 2027:

- 20.0% must be awarded to eligible classroom teachers who provide special education instruction.
- 50.0% must be awarded to eligible classroom teachers employed by a rural school district with a certified enrollment of fewer than 1,000 students.
- If a teacher qualifies under both paragraphs, the Department of Education shall assign the teacher to one category to ensure the teacher is counted only once.

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House File 2752 provides for the following changes to the Code of Iowa.

Page #	Line #	Bill Section	Action	Code Section
1	1	1	Strike	256.218.3.a
1	3	2	Add	256.218.7

1 1 Section 1. Section 256.218, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
1 2 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph.

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1 3 Sec. 2. Section 256.218, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
1 4 following new subsection:
1 5 NEW SUBSECTION 7. For each fiscal year beginning on or
1 6 after July 1, 2026, of the moneys awarded pursuant to the teach
1 7 Iowa scholar fund, all of the following shall apply:
1 8 a. Twenty percent shall be awarded to eligible classroom
1 9 teachers who provide special education instruction.
1 10 b. Fifty percent shall be awarded to eligible classroom
1 11 teachers who are employed by a rural school district. For
1 12 purposes of this paragraph, "rural school district" means a
1 13 school district with a certified enrollment of fewer than one
1 14 thousand students.
1 15 c. A recipient teacher shall not be included in the
1 16 numerator of the percent calculations under both paragraphs "a"
1 17 and "b". If a teacher recipient meets the requirements for both
1 18 paragraphs "a" and "b", the department shall determine under
1 19 which paragraph the applicant is included.

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