

1550 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

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A BILL To encourage the development of teacher aid programs in the schools of the Nation

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Teacher Aid Program Support Act of 1967".

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 2. There are authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, \$100,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, and \$150,000,000 each for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970, and for the two succeeding fiscal years, to enable the Commissioner of Education to make grants to local educational agencies and institutions of higher education to assist them in carrying out projects for the development of teacher aid programs provided for in applications approved under this Act.

APPROVAL OF PROJECT APPLICATIONS

SEC. 3. (a) The Commissioner may approve an application for a project under this Act only if the application is submitted jointly by a local educational agency and an institution of higher education and if he determines that—

(1) the project is designed to provide a combined program of training and experience to prepare persons to serve as teacher aids in preschool and elementary and secondary education programs;

(2) the project is part of a comprehensive program for improved utilization of educational personnel in schools where the teacher aids are to serve;

(3) the project is designed to provide more individualized attention for students and to relieve teachers and other professional staff of functions which can be performed competently by teacher aids under the supervision of professional staff;

(4) the institution of higher education participating in the project will undertake to provide preservice training programs to prepare persons to become teacher aids and to provide, to the extent practicable, preservice programs bringing together teacher aids and the teachers and other educational personnel who will be supervising them;

(5) the institution of higher education and the local educational agency participating in each project have satisfactory plans for maintaining cooperative arrangements throughout the three-year duration of the project in order to relate inservice and summer training programs to the work experience of the teacher aids in the schools;

(6) the local educational agency participating in a project has, prior to the filing of an application under this Act, submitted its plans to the State educational agency for review and has taken into account its recommendations in developing the proposal for the project; and

(7) the project is of sufficient scope and quality to provide reasonable assurance of making substantial improvements in the educational programs of the schools participating in the project.

(b) A school which has participated for a total of three years in an approved project receiving Federal payments under this Act shall not be eligible to participate thereafter in any further project assisted under this Act.

FEDERAL PAYMENTS

SEC. 4. (a) The Commissioner shall (in advance or otherwise) pay to the local educational agency and the institution of higher education jointly carrying out each project approved under this Act such portion of the costs of the project as each of the joint applicants incurs under the terms of the grant.

(b) For purposes of this section, the costs of the project covered by the Federal grant include all of the costs of training programs for teacher aids and for teachers and other professional staff members supervising teachers aids, including appropriate stipends; and the Federal grant shall cover not to exceed 75 per centum of the costs of the project attributable to compensation to be paid to teacher aids while serving in the programs of the schools of the local educational agency participating in the project. Federal payments toward the costs of the project may not cover any compensation for any teacher or professional staff member employed by the local educational agency.