

(II) THE PERCENTAGE OF CONDITIONAL TEACHERS IN A SCHOOL SYSTEM; AND

(III) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.

(3) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, EACH FISCAL YEAR THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES IN EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

(4) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES THAT MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM STATEWIDE MAY NOT EXCEED ~~150~~ 100 IN ANY FISCAL YEAR.

(D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL SHARE IN THE COST OF PROVIDING A PER DIEM STIPEND TO AN ELIGIBLE QUALIFIED CANDIDATE WHO PARTICIPATES IN A PRERESIDENCY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT'S SHARE OF THE PER DIEM STIPEND SHALL BE NO MORE THAN 50% OF A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM'S LONG-TERM DEGREED SUBSTITUTE PER DIEM RATE, FOR A MAXIMUM OF 40 DAYS.

(E) STATE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THIS PROGRAM SHALL SUPPLEMENT AND MAY NOT SUPPLANT LOCAL FUNDING PROVIDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

(F) ON OCTOBER 1, 2008, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, A REPORT REGARDING:

(1) THE SCHOOL SYSTEMS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM AND THE NUMBER OF PER DIEM STIPENDS AWARDED;

(2) THE TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS OF RESIDENT TEACHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM; AND

(3) THE RETENTION RATE OF RESIDENT TEACHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM DURING THEIR FIRST 5 YEARS OF TEACHING.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved May 16, 2006.

CHAPTER 475

(House Bill 799)

AN ACT concerning

Child Welfare Accountability Act of 2006

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Human Resources and the Secretary of Budget and Management to develop and implement a certain system of