

2023 68th Legislative Session Summary of Legislation Related to K-12 Education



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HB 833 Rep. Brad Barker
Establish teacher residency program
Chapter: 545 Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 833 establishes a teacher residency program administered by the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) in collaboration with school district, residents, and professional educator preparation programs. The teacher residency program includes financial and other compensation for residents and teacher-leaders including the following:

- A last-dollar tuition grant to eliminate tuition costs for the resident for the year of the residency.
- A stipend for the teacher-leader, and compensation for the resident, a portion of which is conditioned on completion of the residency program and teaching for three years in a five-year period in a Montana public school.
- Housing supports provided by the local school district.

The superintendent of public instruction shall ensure that when the resident signs up for the professional educator preparation program, the resident signs a document that contains provisions allowing for an automatic conversion of the amount of any tuition granted to a loan if the resident has not completed the program or has not taught in a public school for 3 or more years within 5 years of completing the teacher residency program.

\$2 million dollars of state general fund is appropriated for the administration of the program. The appropriation is to be considered part of the ongoing base for the next legislative session.