

HB 339 -- Urban Teaching Scholarships

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This bill creates the Urban Flight Scholarship Program for students who commit to teach in a metropolitan or urban school district with a high at-risk student population, as defined by rule. Subject to appropriation, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will administer up to 100 four-year scholarships for eligible students from metropolitan or urban districts or for students who have completed a bachelor's degree and commit to teach in an at-risk urban or metropolitan school for two years for every one year of the scholarship. If the commitment is not fulfilled, the scholarship is treated as a loan. Seventy-five percent of the scholarship will be funded by the department; 25% will be funded by local school districts.