**Section 2772.400 Purpose of the Teacher Shortage Scholarship Program**

A scholarship program is hereby established for the purpose of providing scholarships to qualified individuals who agree to take courses at qualified institutions of higher learning which will prepare them to teach in areas of identified staff shortages. Qualified institutions means all Illinois public and private community colleges and recognized public and private four-year colleges and universities pursuant to the provisions of 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25: Subpart C (Certification). *Areas of identified staff shortages means courses of study in which the number of teachers is insufficient to meet student and school district demand for such instruction as determined* annually by the State Superintendent of Education, based upon the following criteria:

a) New state-mandated instructional programs.

b) Annual State Board of Education report on teacher supply and demand.

c) Annual school district report of unfilled positions.

(Source: Added at 11 Ill. Reg. 3054, effective February 2, 1987)