TROOPS TO TEACHERS LEGISLATION

With recent changes in the legislation governing the Troops to Teachers program below are a few of the important points that need to be shared with any possible participant that wants to be enrolled in the Troops to Teachers Program. If you even think you might want to be a teacher you need to get registered with the TTT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. The program now is under the Department of Defense rather than the Department of Education.

MEMBER ELEIGIBILITY:

1. To be eligible for selection to participate in the program any member who on or after January 8, 2002 who is separated or released from active duty after four or more years of continuous active duty immediately before the separation or release, others who have completed six years of service and execute a reserve commitment agreement for a period of not less than three years. This is for the counseling and referral services.

2. If teaching before they are registered they cannot be considered as a candidate for the bonus. If you are not eligible for the post 9-11 GI Bill you may qualify for the stipend. (If you transfer your post 9-11 GI Bill to a spouse or children and are no longer eligible for the bill and get a letter from the VA in writing that you are no longer eligible you may qualify for the stipend).

3. To be eligible you must apply to the program within three years after leaving the service unless you are retired from either active duty or the reserves.

4. If you teach in certain curriculum areas that are deemed as critical and in a HIGH NEEDS SCHOOL as defined by law you may be eligible for up to $10,000.00 bonus while if you teach in an ELIGIBLE SCHOOL as defined by law you may be eligible for up to $5,000.00 bonus.

5. Participants teaching in a ROTC Program may only be eligible for a maximum of $5,000.00 bonus and that will not be paid until the end of the TTT fiscal year.

These are some of the changes in the bill as we understand it but stay tuned for other possible changes to follow.

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