

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

February 13, 2020

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB20-158 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 8, strike "PREPARATION" and substitute
2 "PREPARATION, INCLUDING AN ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION PROGRAM
3 APPROVED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 60.5 OF TITLE 22,".

4 Page 4, line 5, after "**incentives.**" insert "(1)".

5 Page 5, after line 4 insert:

6 "(2) FOR THE 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
7 THEREAFTER, OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO FUND THE
8 PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN THIS ARTICLE 76 AND THE TEACHING
9 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 78 OF THIS TITLE
10 23, THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ALLOCATE TO THE
11 STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION TWENTY-FIVE
12 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER THE TEACHING FELLOWSHIP
13 PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 78 OF THIS TITLE 23 ARE
14 FULLY FUNDED FOR THE APPLICABLE FISCAL YEAR; EXCEPT THAT THE
15 DEPARTMENT MAY ADJUST THE PERCENTAGE ALLOCATED BASED ON THE
16 DEMAND FOR THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
17 SECTION AND FOR THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23-76-106 AND ON
18 INPUT RECEIVED FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF RURAL SCHOOLS OR SCHOOL
19 DISTRICTS .

20 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 23-76-105 as
21 follows:

22 **23-76-105. Teacher cadet program.** ~~On or before July 1, 2017,~~
23 ~~the department of higher education shall establish teacher cadet programs~~

1 ~~in identified rural schools and school districts. Money may be provided~~
2 ~~to local school districts, charter schools, or the charter school institute,~~
3 ~~any of which may contract with a board of cooperative services, to~~
4 ~~identify and support high school students who are interested in pursuing~~
5 ~~teaching careers in rural Colorado, including early childhood education.~~
6 ~~Teacher cadet programs are encouraged to identify students, including~~
7 ~~students with disabilities, who reflect the geographic, racial, and ethnic~~
8 ~~diversity of the state. The department of higher education and the~~
9 ~~department of education shall evaluate the effectiveness of the teacher~~
10 ~~cadet program every five years."~~

11 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

12 Page 5, strike lines 6 through 8 and substitute "(1)(c), (1)(d), and (2); and
13 **add** (1)(e) and (5) as follows:

14 **23-76-106. National board certified teacher stipends -**
15 **concurrent enrollment stipends - continuing education stipends.**

16 (1) The department of higher education shall annually provide financial
17 stipends, not to exceed six thousand dollars each, to any:

18 (c) Teacher completing an alternative licensure program approved
19 by the department of education pursuant to article 60.5 of title 22 that
20 leads to initial licensure in the state of Colorado and full-time
21 employment as a teacher in a rural school or school district that serves
22 rural schools; ~~or~~

23 (d) Individual seeking to complete the required course work
24 leading to certification as a special services provider and employment in
25 a rural school or school district that is providing services to rural schools;
26 OR

27 (e) TEACHER WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A RURAL SCHOOL OR SCHOOL
28 DISTRICT OR A RURAL BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES AND IS SEEKING
29 AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE ENDORSEMENT OR A MASTER'S DEGREE TO MEET
30 A FACULTY NEED OF THE RURAL SCHOOL, SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR BOARD OF
31 COOPERATIVE SERVICES.

32 (2) The stipends may be used to offset".

33 Page 5, after line 15 insert:

34 "(5) (a) FOR THE 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
35 THEREAFTER, OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO FUND THE
36 PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN THIS ARTICLE 76 AND THE TEACHING
37 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 78 OF THIS TITLE
38 23, THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ALLOCATE, OF THE

1 AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER THE TEACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS
2 DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 78 OF THIS TITLE 23 ARE FULLY FUNDED
3 FOR THE APPLICABLE FISCAL YEAR:

4 (I) TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT TO THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN
5 SUBSECTIONS (1)(a), (1)(b), AND (1)(e) OF THIS SECTION; AND

6 (II) FIFTY PERCENT TO THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
7 (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION.

8 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF
9 THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADJUST THE PERCENTAGE
10 ALLOCATIONS BASED ON THE DEMAND FOR THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN
11 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND FOR THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN
12 SECTION 23-76-104 AND ON INPUT RECEIVED FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF
13 RURAL SCHOOLS OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY
14 DISTRIBUTE ANY AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER AWARDING STIPENDS FOR
15 TEACHERS TO FUND THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(d) OF
16 THIS SECTION."

17 Page 15, after line 4 insert:

18 "SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 23-1-121.2 as
19 follows:

20 **23-1-121.2. Department directive - educator preparation**
21 **pathways - public information.** BY OCTOBER 1, 2020, THE DEPARTMENT
22 SHALL POST ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE A DESCRIPTION OF EACH OF THE
23 EXISTING PROGRAMS AND PATHWAYS THAT LEAD TO TEACHER LICENSURE,
24 INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS APPROVED
25 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 60.5 OF TITLE 22, TEACHER PREPARATION
26 PROGRAMS APPROVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-121, TEACHER
27 RESIDENCY PROGRAMS, STUDENT TEACHER PROGRAMS, CONCURRENT
28 ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS, TEACHER CADET PROGRAMS, GROW YOUR OWN
29 EDUCATOR PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION
30 22-60.5-208.5, PROGRAMS FUNDED THROUGH THE COLLABORATIVE
31 EDUCATOR PREPARATION GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION
32 23-78-203, AND THE TEACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS CREATED
33 PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 78 OF THIS TITLE 23. THE DEPARTMENT
34 SHALL ANNUALLY UPDATE THE DESCRIPTIONS OF PROGRAMS AND
35 PATHWAYS."

36 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

37 Page 15, after line 20 insert:

38 "SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-106,

1 **amend** (3) as follows:
2 **22-60.5-106. Endorsement of license - effect - rules.** (3) The
3 department of education shall collaborate with the department of higher
4 education to create a mentor teacher endorsement for teachers who
5 provide mentoring and oversight for teacher candidates in accordance
6 with the standards adopted by the department of higher education
7 pursuant to section 23-78-105 (3). The state board of education by rule
8 shall establish the criteria for the endorsement, which must, at a
9 minimum, include successfully completing training provided by an
10 educator preparation program, as defined in section 23-78-103, and at
11 least one full school year of successful experience serving as a mentor
12 teacher for a teacher candidate who is participating in clinical practice, as
13 defined in section 23-78-103. THE TEACHER MENTOR ENDORSEMENT IS
14 EXEMPT FROM THE MINIMUM COURSE WORK STANDARDS SPECIFIED IN
15 SECTION 22-60.5-203 (6).".

16 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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