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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CREATION OF A TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP**
102 **PROGRAM AS AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO TEACHER LICENSURE,**
103 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

As an alternative route to teacher licensure, the bill creates a teacher degree apprenticeship program (apprenticeship program), which builds on elements of current alternative teacher licensure programs, including a bachelor's degree requirement, training programs approved by the state department of education (CDE), and structured on-the-job

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training. The apprenticeship program is run collaboratively with the United States department of labor apprenticeship office (DOL office) and utilizes apprentice mentor teachers and apprenticeship program sponsors.

The bill allows CDE to issue a teacher apprenticeship authorization (authorization) to a person (apprentice) who is employed by a school district, board of cooperative services, charter school, or institute charter school (school) who is actively registered in an apprenticeship program, and who is actively enrolled in an affiliated bachelor's degree program from an accredited institution. The authorization is valid for 4 years while the apprentice completes the bachelor's degree requirement of the program. CDE may renew the authorization for 2 years. An authorization is invalid if the apprentice withdraws from any part of the apprenticeship program or fails to make satisfactory progress.

Upon application from an entity with expertise in apprenticeship or teacher preparation, CDE shall authorize the entity to serve as a teacher apprenticeship program sponsor (sponsor). Applications to serve as a sponsor must include a proposed work process schedule and related instruction required by the DOL office. CDE shall review each application and approve or disapprove the sponsor. If approved, the sponsor may apply to CDE for approval of an apprenticeship program.

An apprenticeship program must meet the following criteria:

- Be registered with the DOL office;
- Incorporate a bachelor's degree program from an accredited institution in a related field of study relative to the licensure type; and
- Incorporate on-the-job training in meaningful and time-saving ways.

Every 5 years after apprenticeship program approval, CDE shall consult with the DOL office concerning the federally required audit of the apprenticeship program to ensure the apprenticeship program continues to meet requirements.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) The state of Colorado has a significant teacher shortage;

5 (b) According to the Colorado department of education, in the
6 2021-22 school year, the state needed to hire seven thousand teachers and
7 other support services professionals;

1 (c) The existing teacher preparation system only produced three
2 thousand two hundred and one educators. Further, persons who complete
3 existing teacher preparation programs do not represent the diverse
4 populations they serve, as seventy-two percent of persons who complete
5 such programs are female and seventy-four percent are White.

6 (d) The current paths to teacher licensure limit the number and
7 types of individuals who can access them. The existing traditional and
8 alternative teacher preparation programs have established important
9 standards of rigor that can be applied to new frameworks to positively
10 impact the teacher shortage.

11 (e) New paths to licensure are more suitable for first-generation
12 college students, individuals who require full-time employment,
13 individuals already working in schools, individuals outside of the
14 commuting distance of existing teacher programs, and others who lack
15 access to traditional teacher preparation programs;

16 (f) The current alternative path to teacher licensure offers an
17 opportunity only for those individuals who already hold a bachelor's
18 degree;

19 (g) Another option to make teacher licensure accessible to
20 Coloradans who do not yet hold a bachelor's degree is necessary to
21 expand the teacher candidate pool and meet the needs of Colorado's
22 schools and students;

23 (h) A teacher degree apprenticeship program builds on elements
24 established by current alternative routes, including a bachelor's degree
25 requirement, department of education-approved training programs, and
26 structured on-the-job training. A teacher degree apprenticeship program
27 gets teachers teaching more quickly, keeps rural residents training and

1 working in their communities, and ultimately sets apprentices up for
2 success by putting first-year teachers in the classroom with years of
3 practical experience from an apprenticeship. It positions apprentices to
4 begin the first year of teaching with more than four thousand hours of
5 on-the-job experience and creates flexibility without sacrificing quality
6 standards.

7 (i) A paid United States department of labor-approved registered
8 apprenticeship incorporated into a licensure pathway would create a more
9 equitable path to a career in education. Apprenticeship in a teacher
10 licensure program further ensures quality by not only adhering to the
11 United States department of labor-approved registered apprenticeship
12 competencies, but also aligns with the Colorado department of education
13 quality standards.

14 (j) Coloradans would benefit from an earn-and-learn model that
15 incorporates apprenticeship and allows for flexibility in degree and
16 licensure.

17 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that it is necessary to
18 create a new teacher licensure program in Colorado that authorizes
19 registered apprenticeship as a path to licensure.

20 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-102, **add**
21 (3.5), (6.5), (6.7), (8.5), (9.1), (22), and (23) as follows:

22 **22-60.5-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 60.5, unless the
23 context otherwise requires:

24 (3.5) "AFFILIATED BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM" MEANS THE
25 BACHELOR'S DEGREE THAT IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INSTRUCTION PLAN
26 SUBMITTED BY THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSOR.

27 (6.5) "APPRENTICE MENTOR TEACHER" MEANS A PROFESSIONALLY

1 LICENSED TEACHER IN GOOD STANDING, DESIGNATED BY THE
2 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSOR, WHO PROVIDES EXEMPLARY
3 MODELING AND COUNSELING TO A TEACHER APPRENTICE, WHO IS TRAINED
4 IN THE APPRENTICESHIP MODEL, AND WHO TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
5 TRAINING, MENTORING, AND PROGRESS OF THE TEACHER APPRENTICE.

6 (6.7) "APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSOR" MEANS AN ENTITY
7 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGISTRATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND OPERATION
8 OF A TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM. AN APPRENTICESHIP
9 PROGRAM SPONSOR CAN ALSO MEAN AN ENTITY SERVING AS A SPONSOR
10 FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM THAT IS REGISTERED BEFORE THE
11 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

12 (8.5) "BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES" OR "BOCES" HAS THE
13 SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 22-5-103.

14 (9.1) "CERTIFICATE OF APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION" MEANS A
15 CERTIFICATE THAT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
16 OF LABOR OR THE COLORADO APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY THAT CERTIFIES
17 A TEACHER APPRENTICE HAS SATISFACTORILY GAINED THE SKILLS,
18 ABILITIES, AND COMPETENCIES, AND COMPLETED THE REQUIREMENTS OF
19 AN APPRENTICESHIP.

20 (22) "TEACHER APPRENTICE", OR "APPRENTICE", MEANS A
21 STUDENT WHO IS REGISTERED AND ENROLLED IN AN APPROVED TEACHER
22 DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, IS ENROLLED IN AN AFFILIATED
23 BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION, AND
24 HAS OBTAINED A COLORADO TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP AUTHORIZATION
25 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-111. A "TEACHER APPRENTICE" CAN ALSO
26 MEAN A STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN APPROVED TEACHER DEGREE
27 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM THAT IS REGISTERED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE

1 DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (22).

2 (23) "TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM" MEANS A
3 TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTAINING ALL OF THE ELEMENTS OF A
4 COMPETENCY-BASED APPRENTICESHIP REQUIRED BY THE UNITED STATES
5 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND APPROVED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
6 EDUCATION AND SPONSORED BY AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSOR
7 OR A TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM APPROVED PRIOR TO THE
8 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (23).

9 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-111, **add**
10 (16) as follows:

11 **22-60.5-111. Authorization - types - applicants' qualifications**
12 **- rules. (16) Teacher apprenticeship authorization.** (a) (I) THE
13 DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP AUTHORIZATION TO
14 AN APPRENTICE THAT ALLOWS THE APPRENTICE TO BE EMPLOYED BY A
15 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER AS A TEACHER APPRENTICE IN ROLES OF
16 INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY, INCLUDING WORKING AS A SUBSTITUTE
17 TEACHER AND A TEACHER OF RECORD. TO RECEIVE A TEACHER
18 APPRENTICESHIP AUTHORIZATION, A PERSON SHALL:

19 (A) BE EMPLOYED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOCES, CHARTER
20 SCHOOL, OR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AS A TEACHER APPRENTICE;

21 (B) BE ACTIVELY REGISTERED IN A TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP
22 PROGRAM; AND

23 (C) BE ACTIVELY ENROLLED IN AN AFFILIATED BACHELOR'S
24 DEGREE PROGRAM FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION.

25 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP
26 AUTHORIZATION TO A PERSON WHO MEETS THE CRITERIA PURSUANT TO
27 SUBSECTION (16)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION NO LATER THAN FORTY-FIVE DAYS

1 AFTER RECEIPT OF THE INITIAL APPLICATION.

2 (III) THE TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP AUTHORIZATION IS VALID FOR
3 A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS WHILE THE APPRENTICE COMPLETES THE
4 AFFILIATED BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING
5 REQUIREMENTS. AN AUTHORIZATION IS RENEWABLE FOR UP TO TWO
6 SUCCESSIVE TERMS, IN INCREMENTS OF TWO YEARS, AS NECESSARY FOR
7 THE APPRENTICE TO FULFILL THE APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS.

8 (IV) THE TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP AUTHORIZATION IS
9 AUTOMATICALLY REVOKED IF THE TEACHER APPRENTICE WITHDRAWS
10 FROM THE TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM OR WITHDRAWS FROM THE
11 AFFILIATED BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM. THE APPRENTICESHIP
12 PROGRAM SPONSOR MAY REVOKE THE AUTHORIZATION IF THE APPRENTICE
13 DOES NOT MAKE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN THE TEACHER
14 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, AS DETERMINED BY THE EMPLOYER. THE
15 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING THE
16 DEPARTMENT WHEN AN APPRENTICE WITHDRAWS FROM THE TEACHER
17 DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.

18 (b) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL PROMULGATE RULES
19 DEFINING THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES FOR EACH
20 LEVEL OF AUTHORIZATION, INCLUDING:

21 (I) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE APPRENTICE TO WORK AS A
22 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER;

23 (II) AUTHORIZATION TO STUDENT TEACH; AND

24 (III) AUTHORIZATION TO WORK AS A TEACHER OF RECORD. THIS
25 AUTHORIZATION REQUIRES A PASSING SCORE ON THE APPROPRIATE STATE
26 BOARD OF EDUCATION-APPROVED CONTENT EXAM OR PORTFOLIO
27 EQUIVALENTS, IF RELEVANT TO THE ENDORSEMENT AREA, AND MUST NOT

1 REQUIRE COMPLETION OF A BACHELOR'S DEGREE. THE DEPARTMENT'S
2 RULES MUST NOT CREATE UNREASONABLE BARRIERS THAT PREVENT
3 ACCESS TO THE PROGRAM.

4 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-60.5-111.5**
5 as follows:

6 **22-60.5-111.5. Teacher degree apprenticeship program -**
7 **standards - apprenticeship program sponsors - application for**
8 **approval - criteria for approval - program audit.** (1) THE
9 DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE AND ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR A TEACHER
10 DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024. THE
11 DEPARTMENT'S STANDARDS MUST NOT CREATE UNREASONABLE BARRIERS
12 THAT PREVENT ACCESS TO THE TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM. THE
13 STANDARDS MUST INCLUDE:

14 (a) THE MINIMUM PASSING SCORE FOR ANY EXAMINATION, WHICH
15 MUST NOT EXCEED WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR ANY TEACHER LICENSURE
16 CANDIDATE;

17 (b) APPRENTICE COMPETENCIES, WHICH ARE INDEPENDENTLY AND
18 EXCLUSIVELY EVALUATED BY THE APPRENTICE MENTOR TEACHER,
19 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, OR PROGRAM EVALUATOR;

20 (c) A PROVISION THAT APPRENTICE MENTOR TEACHERS ARE
21 SELECTED AT THE FULL DISCRETION OF THE EMPLOYER; AND

22 (d) A REQUIREMENT THAT A TEACHER APPRENTICE WORKS AS A
23 TEACHER OF RECORD FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR.

24 (2) (a) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL AUTHORIZE
25 QUALIFIED AGENCIES WITH EXPERTISE IN APPRENTICESHIP OR IN TEACHER
26 PREPARATION TO SERVE AS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSORS IN
27 PARTNERSHIP WITH EMPLOYER PARTNERS, INCLUDING ANY SCHOOL

1 DISTRICTS, BOCES, CHARTER SCHOOLS, NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS, OR
2 INSTITUTES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF NEW
3 AGENCIES ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION.

4 (b) AN ENTITY THAT WISHES TO SERVE AS AN APPRENTICESHIP
5 PROGRAM SPONSOR SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
6 AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION THAT, AT A MINIMUM, DOCUMENTS THE
7 ENTITY'S EXPERTISE WITH APPRENTICESHIP OR WITH TEACHER
8 PREPARATION.

9 (c) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER AN ENTITY SUBMITS A COMPLETE
10 APPLICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE STATE
11 BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL NOTIFY THE ENTITY THAT THE STATE BOARD
12 OF EDUCATION HAS EITHER APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED THE SPONSORSHIP
13 APPLICATION.

14 (3) (a) IN ADDITION TO SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO BE
15 APPROVED AS AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSOR, THE ENTITY SHALL
16 SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE SPONSOR'S TEACHER DEGREE
17 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
18 APPROVAL. THE APPLICATION FOR THE TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP
19 PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE A PROPOSED WORK PROCESS SCHEDULE AND
20 RELATED INSTRUCTION PLAN AS SET FORTH BY THE UNITED STATES
21 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

22 (b) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REVIEW
23 APPLICATIONS FOR THE TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND
24 SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
25 FOR APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF THE APPLICATIONS.

26 (c) WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
27 SPONSOR SUBMITS A COMPLETE APPLICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT

1 OF EDUCATION, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL NOTIFY THE
2 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSOR THAT THE STATE BOARD OF
3 EDUCATION HAS EITHER APPROVED OR DENIED THE APPLICATION FOR THE
4 TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM. IF THE APPLICATION IS
5 DENIED, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL CITE THE REASONS FOR
6 THE DENIAL.

7 (4) AN APPROVED TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
8 MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

9 (a) BE REGISTERED WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
10 LABOR OR THE COLORADO APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY;

11 (b) INCLUDE A PLAN FOR TRAINING AND SUPPORTING APPRENTICE
12 MENTOR TEACHERS;

13 (c) INCLUDE A WAGE SCALE COMMENSURATE WITH EXISTING PAY
14 SCALES OF LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS BASED ON THE LEVEL OF WORK
15 BEING PERFORMED;

16 (d) THE APPROVED TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
17 INCORPORATES A BACHELOR'S DEGREE _____ FROM AN ACCREDITED
18 INSTITUTION IN A RELATED FIELD OF STUDY RELATIVE _____ TO THE
19 ENDORSEMENT AREA THAT THE PROGRAM'S PARTICIPANTS WILL PURSUE.
20 THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM DOES NOT NEED TO BE AN APPROVED
21 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-121.

22 (e) THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM REFERENCED IN
23 SUBSECTION (4)(d) OF THIS SECTION MUST INCORPORATE ON-THE-JOB
24 TRAINING IN MEANINGFUL AND TIME-SAVING WAYS THROUGH ONE OF THE
25 FOLLOWING MECHANISMS:

26 (I) OFFERING THIRTY OR MORE CREDITS FOR SUCCESSFULLY
27 COMPLETING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING;

1 (II) CREATING A RESIDENCY MODEL THAT CLOSELY INTEGRATES
2 COURSE WORK AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE WITH RELEVANT AND
3 CONNECTED ASSIGNMENTS CARRIED OUT IN THE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE
4 THAT COUNTS AS TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OR MORE TOWARD THE DEGREE;

5 (III) EMBEDDING ON-THE-JOB LEARNING INTO THE HOMEWORK OR
6 ASSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS OF TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OR MORE OF THE
7 COURSES WITHIN THE DEGREE; OR

8 (IV) OPERATING AS A COMPETENCY-BASED BACHELOR'S DEGREE
9 PROGRAM.

10 (5) (a) EVERY FIVE YEARS AFTER PROGRAM APPROVAL, THE STATE
11 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE UNITED STATES
12 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR APPRENTICESHIP OFFICE, OR COLORADO
13 APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES, REGARDING THE AUDIT
14 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO 29 CFR 29.3 TO REVIEW PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
15 AND AUDIT FINDINGS TO ENSURE THE APPROVED TEACHER DEGREE
16 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM CONTINUES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS. AN
17 APPROVED TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM THAT DOES NOT
18 MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IS SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION BY THE STATE
19 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
20 APPRENTICESHIP OFFICE, OR THE COLORADO APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY.

21 (b) IF DISQUALIFIED, THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSOR MAY
22 CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
23 ONLY AS LONG AS NECESSARY TO ALLOW THE ACTIVELY REGISTERED
24 APPRENTICES TO FINISH.

25 (c) IF THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSOR REDESIGNS THE
26 TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM TO MEET THE
27 REQUIREMENTS, AND THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES THE

1 REDESIGNED TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, THE
2 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSOR MAY REINSTATE APPRENTICESHIP
3 ENROLLMENT.

4 (6) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ANNUALLY
5 INCLUDE DATA ON TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN THE
6 EXISTING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM REPORT DASHBOARD,
7 CONSISTENT WITH THE DATA AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION
8 22-2-112 (1)(q). THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE UNITED
9 STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OR THE COLORADO APPRENTICESHIP
10 AGENCY TO SOURCE THE DATA.

11 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-201, **amend**
12 (1)(c)(II) introductory portion and (1)(c)(II)(B); and **add** (1)(c)(II)(C) as
13 follows:

14 **22-60.5-201. Types of teacher licenses issued - term - rules.**

15 (1) The department is designated as the sole agency authorized to issue
16 the following teacher licenses to persons of good moral character:

17 (c) **Professional teacher license.** (II) The department ~~of~~
18 ~~education~~ may, in its discretion, issue a professional teacher license to any
19 applicant who:

20 (B) Has previously held a professional teacher license issued
21 pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 60.5 or an equivalent certificate ~~which~~
22 THAT was issued pursuant to article 60 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22 prior to July
23 1, 1994; OR

24 (C) HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION FROM
25 AN APPROVED TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM PURSUANT TO
26 SECTION 22-60.5-111.

27 **SECTION 6. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2023-24 state fiscal

1 year, \$116,134 is appropriated to the department of education. This
2 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the
3 department may use this appropriation as follows:

4 (a) \$89,699 for the teacher degree apprenticeship program, which
5 amount is based on an assumption that the department will require an
6 additional 0.8 FTE; and

7 (b) \$26,435 for the purchase of legal services.

8 (2) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$26,435 is appropriated to
9 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds
10 received from the department of education under subsection (1)(b) of this
11 section and is based on an assumption that the department of law will
12 require an additional 0.1 FTE. To implement this act, the department of
13 law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the
14 department of education.

15 **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
16 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
17 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
18 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
19 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
20 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
21 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
22 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.