

Amendment No. 1 (for drafter's use only)

|   | <u>Senate</u> | CHAMBER ACTION | <u>House</u> |
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ORIGINAL STAMP BELOW

Representative(s) Atwater offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove from the bill: Everything after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 1. Transition to Teaching Program; Legislative intent.--The Transition to Teaching Program is created to encourage and assist mid-career professionals who want to become teachers.

Section 2. Grants; eligible applicants.--

(1) The Commissioner of Education shall design the process for receiving and evaluating grant proposals in accordance with state and federal appropriations guidelines. Grants may be awarded only to the extent that funding is provided.

(2) The Commissioner of Education shall request proposals from eligible applicants to participate in the program. Each application must:

(a) Describe the target group of career-changing professionals upon which the applicant will focus in carrying

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1 out its program, including a description of the  
2 characteristics of the target group that shows how the  
3 knowledge and experience of its members are likely to improve  
4 their ability to become effective teachers.

5 (b) Describe how the applicant will identify and  
6 recruit program participants.

7 (c) Describe how the applicant will ensure that  
8 program participants are placed and teach in eligible school  
9 districts in this state.

10 (d) Describe the teacher support services that program  
11 participants will receive throughout at least their first year  
12 of teaching.

13 (e) Describe how the applicant will collaborate with  
14 other institutions, agencies, or organizations to recruit,  
15 train, place, and support program participants, including  
16 evidence of the commitment of those institutions, agencies, or  
17 organizations to the applicant's program.

18 (3) The Commissioner of Education must require an  
19 evaluation process to measure the progress and effectiveness  
20 of the program. This evaluation must include:

21 (a) The program's goals and objectives.

22 (b) The performance indicators that the applicant will  
23 use to measure the program's progress.

24 (c) The outcome measures that will be used to  
25 determine the program's effectiveness.

26 (d) An assurance that the applicant will provide the  
27 commissioner with information the commissioner finds necessary  
28 to determine the overall effectiveness of the programs.

29 Section 3. Program implementation; authorized  
30 expenditures.--

31 (1) An applicant shall estimate the funds required for

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1 the proposed program. All funds provided for a program must be  
2 used as authorized in federal guidelines.

3 (2) Eligible applicants are encouraged to implement  
4 the program using the following components:

5 (a) Recruiting program participants, including  
6 informing them of opportunities under the program and putting  
7 them in contact with other institutions, agencies, or  
8 organizations that will train, place, and support them in the  
9 teaching profession.

10 (b) Assisting providers of teacher training to tailor  
11 their training to meet the particular needs of professionals  
12 who are changing their careers to teaching.

13 (c) Placement activities, including identifying  
14 eligible local education agencies with a need for the skills  
15 and characteristics of the newly trained program participants  
16 and assisting those participants to obtain employment in those  
17 school districts.

18 (d) Post-placement support activities for program  
19 participants.

20 Section 4. Eligible participants; requirements for  
21 grant repayment.--

22 (1) Each participant who receives a grant from the  
23 program to pursue a teacher-preparation program must agree to  
24 teach in an eligible school district in this state for at  
25 least 3 years after certification. To be eligible, a school  
26 district must meet the requirements established in regulations  
27 that implement the Omnibus Appropriations Bill of 2000.

28 (2) The commissioner shall establish conditions under  
29 which a participant must repay all or a portion of the  
30 training stipend if the participant fails to complete his or  
31 her service obligation.

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1 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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4 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

5 And the title is amended as follows:

6 On page 1, line 2,

7 remove the entire title from the bill

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9 and insert in lieu thereof:

10 An act relating to teacher recruitment;  
11 creating the Transition to Teaching Program;  
12 providing for grant proposals and applications;  
13 requiring an evaluation; authorizing certain  
14 activities and placing limitations on  
15 expenditures; providing for repayment of  
16 certain stipends; providing an effective date.

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