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Representative(s) McGriff and Gelber offered the following:

Amendment

On page 1234, between lines 14 and 15,

insert:

Section 657. Section 1011.63, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1011.63 Investments in hiring and retaining quality teachers.--The Legislature recognizes that hiring and retaining qualified public school teachers plays a critical role in preparing Florida's children for success. The Legislature further recognizes that Florida's average teacher salary is significantly below the national average, that Florida's average teacher salary is lower than the majority of southern states, and that the State of Florida will need an estimated 160,000 teachers over the next 10 years to address not only the high turnover of new and retiring teachers but also the flight of quality teachers to higher paying teaching jobs in neighboring states. The Legislature shall provide funding to raise teacher salaries in Florida so they are at

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1 least as high as the national average to encourage the hiring
2 and retention of quality teachers.

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