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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Representative Woodson offered the following:

**Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

Between lines 1818 and 1819, insert:

(16) TEACHER EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM.-There is established the Teacher Empowerment Program to be administered by an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization selected by the Department of Education. The purpose of the program is to provide scholarships to eligible students who are interested in pursuing a degree in education with the goal of empowering and supporting future teachers in the state.

(a) To be eligible for a scholarship under the program, a student must:

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- 14        1. Be a resident of the state.
- 15        2. Be enrolled in a Florida College System institution or  
16 state university and pursuing a degree in education.
- 17        3. Be enrolled in the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship  
18 Program.
- 19        4. Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
- 20        5. Demonstrate financial need as determined by the  
21 department or the eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding  
22 organization administering the program.
- 23        (b) An award under this subsection may be used to pay the  
24 fees and costs associated with pursuing a degree in education,  
25 including, but not limited to, tuition, textbooks, and other  
26 necessary materials.
- 27        (c) The amount of an award under this subsection shall be  
28 determined based on the financial need of the student and other  
29 factors, as determined by the eligible nonprofit scholarship-  
30 funding organization administering the program.
- 31        (d) The eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding  
32 organization administering the program shall annually report to  
33 the department all of the following:
- 34        1. The number of scholarships awarded pursuant to this  
35 subsection.
- 36        2. The amount of funding disbursed pursuant to this  
37 subsection.

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38        3. The academic success of students who receive an award  
39 pursuant to this subsection.

40        (e) Contributions to the program must be made in  
41 accordance with this section and s. 212.099.

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Remove lines 997-998 and insert:

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to subsection (9), paragraphs (e) through (h) are added to

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subsection (11), and subsection (16) is added to that section,

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to read:

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Remove line 64 and insert:

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references to changes made by the act; creating the

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Teacher Empowerment Program; providing program

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requirements; amending s.

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