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SENATE BILL 1180

Short Title: Teaching Fellows Supp. Package.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Martin of Guilford; Conder, Perdue, Hunt, Cooper, Cochrane, and Gunter.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENTAL PACKAGE TO CERTAIN TEACHING  
3 FELLOWS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Part 2 of Article 24C of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is  
6 amended by adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 115C-363.23B. Teaching fellows bonus; grant program.**

8 (a) The Teaching Fellows Commission shall administer a program to provide a  
9 bonus and a grant to each teaching fellow who, beginning with the school year after  
10 completion of the program, agrees in writing to teach:

11 (1) For at least four years in an elementary school (i) at which at least  
12 thirty-five percent (35%) of the students qualify for a free or reduced-  
13 price lunch and (ii) that is not located in a local school administrative  
14 unit that is identified as a low-performing school system in accordance  
15 with Article 6A of this Chapter.

16 (2) For at least four years in an elementary school (i) at which at least  
17 thirty-five percent (35%) of the students qualify for a free or reduced-  
18 price lunch and (ii) that is located in a local school administrative unit  
19 that is identified as a low-performing school system in accordance  
20 with Article 6A of this Chapter.

21 (3) Mathematics, science, or language arts for at least four years in a  
22 middle or high school (i) at which at least thirty-five percent (35%) of  
23 the students qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch and (ii) that is

1                   located in a local school administrative unit that is identified as a low-  
2                   performing school system in accordance with Article 6A of this  
3                   Chapter.

4           For the 1993-94 academic year, only teaching fellows who complete the program  
5 prior to May 1, 1993, shall be eligible to receive bonuses and grants.

6           The Teaching Fellows Commission shall develop procedures to determine the  
7 appropriate uses for grant funds.

8           (b) The bonus for a teaching fellow who accepts a position in accordance with  
9 subsection (a)(1) of this section shall be a one-time bonus of five hundred dollars  
10 (\$500.00) paid upon acceptance of the position. The bonus for a teaching fellow who  
11 accepts a position in accordance with subsections (a)(2) or (a)(3) of this section shall be  
12 a one-time bonus of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) paid upon acceptance of the position.

13           A teaching fellow who does not complete the agreement to teach for four years in  
14 accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall repay the bonus with interest at  
15 the rate of ten percent (10%) per year. The Commission shall forgive the repayment if  
16 it finds that it is impossible for the recipient to complete the agreement because of the  
17 death or illness of the recipient.

18           (c) The grant for a teaching fellow who accepts a position in accordance with  
19 subsection (a) of this section shall be for one thousand dollars (\$1,000) a year for the  
20 four years of the teaching fellow's agreement. The grant funds may be used by the  
21 teaching fellow, with the consent of the principal of the school and the assistant  
22 superintendent in charge of staff development, for staff development activities  
23 determined appropriate by the Teaching Fellows Commission including continuing  
24 education courses, seminars, conferences, research, or other developmental activities.  
25 Teachers are urged to participate in these staff development activities when students are  
26 not in attendance: Provided, however, the funds may be used for a substitute teacher for  
27 up to five days a year that teachers are participating in these activities. Any funds not  
28 expended or encumbered at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to the General Fund.

29           Teaching fellows who receive these grants shall be eligible to participate in other  
30 staff development activities on the same basis as other teachers."

31           Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
32 Public Education the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 1993-94  
33 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 1994-95  
34 fiscal year for the implementation of this act by the Teaching Fellows Commission.

35           Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.