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Short Title: Teaching Fellows Supp. Package.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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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 or on warning status as defined by the  
16 State Board of Education;

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

1           (3) Mathematics, science, or language arts for at least four years in a  
2 middle or high school (i) at which at least thirty-five percent (35%) of  
3 the students qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch and (ii) that is  
4 located in a local school administrative unit that is identified as a low-  
5 performing school system in accordance with Article 6A of this  
6 Chapter or on warning status as defined by the State Board of  
7 Education.

8           Initial bonuses and grants shall be awarded to teaching fellows graduating after  
9 January 1, 1994.

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

12          (b) The bonus for a teaching fellow who accepts a position in accordance with  
13 subsection (a)(1) of this section shall be a one-time bonus of five hundred dollars  
14 (\$500.00) paid upon acceptance of the position. The bonus for a teaching fellow who  
15 accepts a position in accordance with subsections (a)(2) or (a)(3) of this section shall be  
16 a one-time bonus of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) paid upon acceptance of the position.

17          A teaching fellow who does not complete the agreement to teach for four years in  
18 accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall repay the bonus with interest at  
19 the rate of ten percent (10%) per year. The Commission shall forgive the repayment if  
20 it finds that it is impossible for the recipient to complete the agreement because of the  
21 death or illness of the recipient or if the recipient's contract with the local school  
22 administrative unit is not renewed.

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

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

37          Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
38 Public Education the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 1994-95  
39 fiscal year for the implementation of this act by the Teaching Fellows Commission.

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