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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1121

Introduced by Dungan, 26.

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Committee: Education

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and
2 Retention Act; to amend section 79-8,114, Revised Statutes
3 Supplement, 2023; to authorize additional grants under the act as
4 prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an
5 emergency.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 79-8,114, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is
2 amended to read:

3 79-8,114 (1) A teacher may apply to the department for a grant. The
4 department shall not prioritize a grant based upon the school where the
5 applicant teaches.

6 (2) A teacher is eligible to apply for:

7 (a) A retention one grant of two thousand five hundred dollars if
8 the teacher has signed a contract to complete such teacher's second
9 complete school year of full-time employment as a teacher at a Nebraska
10 school in school year 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, or 2026-27;

11 (b) A retention two grant of two thousand five hundred dollars if
12 the teacher has signed a contract to complete such teacher's fourth
13 complete school year of full-time employment as a teacher at a Nebraska
14 school in school year 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, or 2026-27;

15 (c) A retention three grant of two thousand five hundred dollars if
16 the teacher has signed a contract to complete such teacher's sixth
17 complete school year of full-time employment as a teacher at a Nebraska
18 school in school year 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, or 2026-27;~~and~~

19 (d)(i) A high-need retention grant of five thousand dollars if on or
20 after June 2, 2023, a teacher:

21 (A) Obtains an endorsement in special education, mathematics,
22 science, technology, or dual credit; and

23 (B) Signs a contract to complete a school year of full-time
24 employment as a teacher at a Nebraska school in school year 2024-25,
25 2025-26, or 2026-27.

26 (ii) A teacher shall only be eligible to receive one high-need
27 retention grant; and -

28 (e)(i) A keeping-teachers-teaching grant of one thousand five
29 hundred dollars if, on or after the effective date of this act, a teacher
30 completes such teacher's sixth complete school year of full-time
31 employment at a Nebraska school and has signed a new contract to continue

1 as a full-time teacher at a Nebraska school in school year 2024-25,
2 2025-26, or 2026-27.

3 (ii) A teacher shall only be eligible for three keeping-teachers-
4 teaching grant.

5 Sec. 2. Original section 79-8,114, Revised Statutes Supplement,
6 2023, is repealed.

7 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
8 passed and approved according to law.