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**HOUSE BILL DRH10574-MVa-163**

Short Title: Grow Your Own/Highly Effective Teachers/Cadet. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ball, Everitt, Hawkins, and Harris (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA TEACHER CADET  
3 PROGRAM.

4 Whereas, teacher effectiveness is the most important factor in delivering positive  
5 student outcomes; and

6 Whereas, North Carolina is experiencing an attrition of experienced licensed teachers  
7 as well as beginning teachers; and

8 Whereas, there is a particular need for diverse, high-quality teachers, especially in  
9 low-performing schools and rural schools; and

10 Whereas, the North Carolina Teacher Cadet Program (NCTCP) is a successful  
11 program that encourages high-achieving high school students to attend college and eventually  
12 teach in North Carolina public schools; and

13 Whereas, NCTCP actively engages in the following strategies:

- 14 (1) Having strong partnerships with higher education institutions, including The  
15 University of North Carolina System, and collaborative relationships with  
16 local boards of education.  
17 (2) Offering a curriculum developed by highly qualified, licensed public school  
18 teachers and approved for high school honors credit by the Department of  
19 Public Instruction.  
20 (3) Providing learning through hands-on teaching methods and field experiences  
21 delivered by educators who are required to complete Teacher Cadet  
22 curriculum training; and

23 Whereas, the NCTCP has an established record of helping rural and economically  
24 distressed counties to grow their own teachers from students who were born, raised, and received  
25 a high school education within the same county; Now, therefore,

26 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

27 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
28 Public Instruction for the 2019-2020 fiscal year the sum of (i) two hundred seventy-two thousand  
29 five hundred dollars (\$272,500) in recurring funds and (ii) twenty-seven thousand five hundred  
30 dollars (\$27,500) in nonrecurring funds to be made available as grant-in-aid to the nonprofit  
31 organization known as the North Carolina Foundation for Public School Children. The funds  
32 shall be used for the following purposes related to the North Carolina Teacher Cadet Program:

- 33 (1) Curriculum development.  
34 (2) Teacher training workshops.  
35 (3) Startup classroom grants.  
36 (4) Statewide meetings for newly participating local school administrative units.



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- 1           (5)    Student development.
- 2           (6)    Enhancement of university and community college partnerships.
- 3           (7)    Development of recruitment plans for tier 1 counties.
- 4           (8)    Development of recruitment plans for male minority teachers.
- 5           (9)    Program tracking software and Web site sustainment.
- 6           (10)  Part-time staff to assist in coordination of the NCTCP.
- 7           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.