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Representative Elmore

1 moves to amend the bill on page 71, line 33, by replacing the word "seven" with the word "two";
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3 and on page 78, line 22, to page 80, line 7, by rewriting the lines to read:

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5 "(33) \$800,000, of which up to fifty percent (50%) may be used prior to July 1,
6 2022, to establish a pilot program in response to the COVID-19 pandemic,
7 notwithstanding G.S. 115C-296.2, to improve teacher quality and mitigate
8 learning loss by providing a grant to teachers employed in qualifying public
9 schools during the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium for the cost of the participation
10 fee for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)
11 certification, as follows:

12 a. Definitions. – The following definitions shall apply in this subdivision:

13 1. Public school. – Any of the following:

14 I. A public school unit.

15 II. A school providing elementary or secondary
16 instruction operated by The University of North
17 Carolina under Articles 4 and 29 of Chapter 116 of the
18 General Statutes.

19 2. Qualifying public school. – A public school that meets any of
20 the following criteria:

21 I. Is identified as a low-performing school pursuant to
22 G.S. 115C-105.37 or G.S. 115C-218.94.

23 II. Is identified as an innovative school pursuant to
24 G.S. 115C-75.5.

25 III. Enrolled a student body in the school year prior to the
26 teacher's application consisting of at least ten percent
27 (10%) of students identified as at-risk pursuant to State
28 Board of Education policy DROP-001.

29 b. Grant applications and approval. – During the 2021-2023 fiscal
30 biennium, a teacher employed in a qualifying public school may apply
31 to the Department of Public Instruction to receive a grant to reimburse
32 the cost of the participation fee for NBPTS certification. The



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1 Department shall develop criteria and guidelines for administering the
2 program. The criteria shall include at least the following requirements:

3 1. The Department shall prioritize the award of grants to teachers
4 based on the need of the school where the teacher is employed
5 at the time of the application, including at least the following
6 criteria:

7 I. A teacher employed in a qualifying public school with
8 more qualifying factors, as identified in
9 sub-sub-subdivisions 1. through III. of
10 sub-sub-subdivision 2. of sub-subdivision a. of this
11 subdivision, shall receive priority over a teacher
12 employed in a qualifying public school with fewer
13 qualifying factors.

14 II. For teachers employed in qualifying schools pursuant
15 to sub-sub-sub-subdivision III. of sub-sub-subdivision
16 2. of sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision, teachers
17 employed in schools with a higher percentage of at-risk
18 students shall receive priority over teachers employed
19 in schools with a lower percentage of at-risk schools.

20 2. The Department shall not require a teacher to complete the
21 certification process in order to receive a grant.

22 c. Report. – No later than January 15, 2022, and each subsequent year
23 thereafter in which funds allocated pursuant to this subdivision are
24 awarded, the Department shall report to the Joint Legislative
25 Education Oversight Committee, the Senate Appropriations
26 Committee on Education/Higher Education, the House Appropriations
27 Committee on Education, and the Fiscal Research Division on the
28 impact of the program, including at least the following information:

- 29 1. Number of applicants and recipients of grants.
30 2. Demographic information of recipients of grants.
31 3. Employment status of recipients of grants, including the
32 identity of any public school where the recipient is employed
33 and whether the recipient remains employed with his or her
34 original qualifying public school.
35 4. Licensure area of recipients of grants.
36 5. Effect of the program on the performance and growth of
37 students taught by recipients.";
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39 and on page 167, lines 22-23, by deleting "two million five hundred seventy-five thousand eight
40 hundred thirty-one dollars (\$2,575,831)" and substituting "one million seventy-five thousand
41 eight hundred thirty-one dollars (\$1,075,831)";

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43 and by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

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