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SENATE BILL DRS35224-NG-73

Short Title: AI Academic Support Grant Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lee, Overcash, and Corbin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE AI ACADEMIC SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM AND TO  
3 APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1.(a) Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
6 Article to read:

7 "Article 42.

8 "Academic Support Programs.

9 "**§ 115C-650. Establish AI Academic Support Program.**

10 (a) Purpose; Program. – There is established the AI Instructional Support Program  
11 (Program) to allow public school units to contract with Khan Academy, Inc. (Khan Academy)  
12 for use of the academic support service Khanmigo, in grades six through 12. Khanmigo is an  
13 application that uses artificial intelligence to support teachers with lesson plan development and  
14 to support students with lesson comprehension.

15 (b) Funding. – Funds shall be allocated to each public school unit on the basis of average  
16 daily membership (ADM) in grades six through 12 in the public school unit for the purposes set  
17 out in this section.

18 (c) Funding Use. – Public school units that utilize funds pursuant to this section shall use  
19 all funds to contract with Khan Academy for use of the Khanmigo service, any associated  
20 professional development, and the rostering programs required pursuant to subsection (e).

21 (d) Contract Term. – Public school units entering into contracts with Khan Academy shall  
22 contract for a term of one year. At the end of each school year, each public school unit shall  
23 evaluate the use of Khanmigo services in the public school unit prior to contracting with Khan  
24 Academy for the subsequent school year. The evaluation shall include all of the information  
25 required to be reported on by the Department of Public Instruction in subdivisions (2) through  
26 (7) of subsection (g) of this section. Public school units shall submit their evaluations to the  
27 Department of Public Instruction by July 15 of each year that funds are used pursuant to this  
28 section.

29 (e) Class Rostering for Khanmigo. – All public school units that contract with Khan  
30 Academy pursuant to this section shall use a secure, cloud-based, single sign-on and class  
31 rostering platform to manage access to digital instructional resources and student information  
32 systems and to facilitate automated data integration between educational applications and school  
33 district systems. Class rostering products used pursuant to this section must be approved by the  
34 Department.

35 (f) Juvenile Justice. – The Department shall contract with Khan for 500 Khanmigo  
36 licenses for use in schools operated by the Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of



1 Public Safety. The Department of Public Instruction shall provide technical support to the  
2 Division of Juvenile Justice for the use of Khanmigo. The Division of Juvenile Justice shall  
3 comply with evaluation requirements pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

4 (f) Study. – The Office of Learning Research at the North Carolina Collaboratory (OLR)  
5 shall design and conduct a study to measure the effectiveness of using Khanmigo, including any  
6 impact on student performance and growth. As part of the study, the Department of Public  
7 Instruction shall aggregate and report to OLR on the evaluations submitted by public school units  
8 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. OLR shall collaborate with Khan Academy to aggregate  
9 data on student performance by teacher and by subgroup, to the extent allowed by law. OLR shall  
10 provide the results of this study to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee no later  
11 than April 1, 2028.

12 (g) Report. – No later than February 15 of each year in which funds are made available  
13 for the Program, the Department of Public Instruction shall report to the Joint Legislative  
14 Education Oversight Committee at least the following information:

15 (1) The number public school units that contracted with Khan Academy pursuant  
16 to this article.

17 (2) The number of students using the Khanmigo application.

18 (3) The average number of minutes and interactions students had with the  
19 Khanmigo application weekly.

20 (4) The number of teachers using the application.

21 (5) The average number of minutes and interactions teachers had with the  
22 Khanmigo application weekly.

23 (6) Any identified impact on student outcomes.

24 (7) Any identified impact on teacher performance.

25 (8) The number of moderation flags generated by the application."

26 **SECTION 2.** It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate from the General  
27 Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of ten million sixty thousand five hundred  
28 sixty dollars (\$10,060,560) in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to allocate funds  
29 pursuant to G.S. 115C-650, as established by this act.

30 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when the Current Operations Appropriations Act  
31 of 2025 becomes law and if that bill appropriates funds for the purposes detailed in this act in the  
32 amounts set out in Section 2 of this act.