SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

February 13, 2020

Chair of Committee

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB20-158 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

Amend printed bill, page 2, line 8, strike "PREPARATION" and substitute "PREPARATION, INCLUDING AN ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION PROGRAM APPROVED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 60.5 OF TITLE 22,".

Page 4, line 5, after "incentives." insert "(1)".

Page 5, after line 4 insert:

"(2) FOR THE 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO FUND THE PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN THIS ARTICLE 76 AND THE TEACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 78 OF THIS TITLE, 23, THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ALLOCATE TO THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER THE TEACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 78 OF THIS TITLE 23 ARE FULLY FUNDED FOR THE APPLICABLE FISCAL YEAR; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADJUST THE PERCENTAGE ALLOCATED BASED ON THE DEMAND FOR THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND FOR THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23-76-106 AND ON INPUT RECEIVED FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF RURAL SCHOOLS OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, repeal 23-76-105 as follows:

23-76-105. Teacher cadet program. On or before July 1, 2017, the department of higher education shall establish teacher cadet programs
in identified rural schools and school districts. Money may be provided
to local school districts, charter schools, or the charter school institute;
any of which may contract with a board of cooperative services, to
identify and support high school students who are interested in pursuing
teaching careers in rural Colorado, including early childhood education.
Teacher cadet programs are encouraged to identify students, including
students with disabilities, who reflect the geographic, racial, and ethnic
diversity of the state. The department of higher education and the
department of education shall evaluate the effectiveness of the teacher
cadet program every five years.

Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

Page 5, strike lines 6 through 8 and substitute "(1)(c), (1)(d), and (2); and
add (1)(e) and (5) as follows:

23-76-106. National board certified teacher stipends -
concurrent enrollment stipends - continuing education stipends.
(1) The department of higher education shall annually provide financial
stipends, not to exceed six thousand dollars each, to any:
(c) Teacher completing an alternative licensure program approved
by the department of education pursuant to article 60.5 of title 22 that
leads to initial licensure in the state of Colorado and full-time
employment as a teacher in a rural school or school district that serves
rural schools; or
(d) Individual seeking to complete the required course work
leading to certification as a special services provider and employment in
a rural school or school district that is providing services to rural schools;
OR
(e) Teacher who is employed by a rural school or school
district or a rural board of cooperative services and is seeking
an additional license endorsement or a master's degree to meet
a faculty need of the rural school, school district, or board of
cooperative services.
(2) The stipends may be used to offset.

Page 5, after line 15 insert:
"(5) (a) For the 2020-21 fiscal year and each fiscal year
thereafter, of the total amount appropriated to fund the
programs described in this article 76 and the teaching
fellowship programs described in part 3 of article 78 of this title
23, the department of higher education shall allocate, of the
AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER THE TEACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 78 OF THIS TITLE 23 ARE FULLY FUNDED FOR THE APPLICABLE FISCAL YEAR:

(I) TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT TO THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (1)(a), (1)(b), AND (1)(e) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(II) FIFTY PERCENT TO THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION.

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADJUST THE PERCENTAGE ALLOCATIONS BASED ON THE DEMAND FOR THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND FOR THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23-76-104 AND ON INPUT RECEIVED FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF RURAL SCHOOLS OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY DISTRIBUTE ANY AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER AWARDING STIPENDS FOR TEACHERS TO FUND THE STIPENDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(d) OF THIS SECTION.

Page 15, after line 4 insert:

"SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 23-1-121.2 as follows:

23-1-121.2. Department directive - educator preparation pathways - public information. BY OCTOBER 1, 2020, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE A DESCRIPTION OF EACH OF THE EXISTING PROGRAMS AND PATHWAYS THAT LEAD TO TEACHER LICENSURE, INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS APPROVED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 60.5 OF TITLE 22, TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS APPROVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-121, TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAMS, STUDENT TEACHER PROGRAMS, CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS, TEACHER CADET PROGRAMS, GROW YOUR OWN EDUCATOR PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-208.5, PROGRAMS FUNDED THROUGH THE COLLABORATIVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 23-78-203, AND THE TEACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS CREATED PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 78 OF THIS TITLE 23. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY UPDATE THE DESCRIPTIONS OF PROGRAMS AND PATHWAYS."

Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

Page 15, after line 20 insert:

"SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-60.5-106,
amend (3) as follows:

**22-60.5-106. Endorsement of license - effect - rules.** (3) The department of education shall collaborate with the department of higher education to create a mentor teacher endorsement for teachers who provide mentoring and oversight for teacher candidates in accordance with the standards adopted by the department of higher education pursuant to section 23-78-105 (3). The state board of education by rule shall establish the criteria for the endorsement, which must, at a minimum, include successfully completing training provided by an educator preparation program, as defined in section 23-78-103, and at least one full school year of successful experience serving as a mentor teacher for a teacher candidate who is participating in clinical practice, as defined in section 23-78-103. THE TEACHER MENTOR ENDORSEMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THE MINIMUM COURSE WORK STANDARDS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 22-60.5-203 (6).**

Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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