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SENATE BILL DRS35156-MK-123

Short Title: NC Teaching Fellows Changes.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Ballard, Tillman, and Johnson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA TEACHING FELLOWS
3 PROGRAM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 116-209.62 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 116-209.62. North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program established; administration.

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8 (f) Program Selection Criteria. – The Authority shall administer the Program in
9 cooperation with ~~five-eight~~ institutions of higher education with approved educator preparation
10 programs selected by the Commission that represent a diverse selection of both postsecondary
11 constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina and private postsecondary
12 institutions operating in the State. The Commission shall adopt stringent standards for selection
13 of the most effective educator preparation programs, including the following:

- 14 (1) Demonstrates high rates of educator effectiveness on value-added models and
15 teacher evaluations, including using performance-based, subject-specific
16 assessment and support systems, such as edTPA or other metrics of evaluating
17 candidate effectiveness that have predictive validity.
- 18 (2) Demonstrates measurable impact of prior graduates on student learning,
19 including impact of graduates teaching in STEM or special education
20 licensure areas.
- 21 (3) Demonstrates high rates of graduates passing exams required for teacher
22 licensure.
- 23 (4) Provides curricular and co-curricular enhancements in leadership, facilitates
24 learning for diverse learners, and promotes community engagement,
25 classroom management, and reflection and assessment.
- 26 (5) Requires at least a minor concentration of study in the subject area that the
27 candidate may teach.
- 28 (6) Provides early and frequent internship or practical experiences, including the
29 opportunity for participants to perform practicums in diverse school
30 environments.
- 31 (7) Is approved by the State Board of Education as an educator preparation
32 program.

33 (g) Awards of Forgivable Loans. – The Program shall provide forgivable loans to selected
34 students to be used at the ~~five-eight~~ selected institutions for completion of a program leading to
35 initial teacher licensure as follows:

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1 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 116-209.62(g)(4) reads as rewritten:
2 "(4) Students matriculating at institutions of higher education who are changing to
3 ~~enrollment in an approved program of study~~ at a selected educator preparation
4 program. – Forgivable loans of up to four thousand one hundred twenty-five
5 dollars (\$4,125) per semester for up to four semesters."

6 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019. Section 1 of this act applies
7 to the award of forgivable loans beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year. Section 2 of this
8 act applies to the award of forgivable loans beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year.