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SENATE BILL 01-163

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE STUDENT TEACHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Requires the Colorado commission on higher education ("commission") to develop and maintain an assistance program ("program") for students who are fulfilling their student teaching requirements. Allows in-state students to complete their student teaching requirements free of tuition, and allows all other students to have up to \$2,500 of tuition waived for the semester in which they are student teaching. Requires a student to repay the tuition that was waived if the student, within 3 years after the date of the student's graduation, has not contracted for a teaching position with a Colorado public school. Repeals

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 17, 2001

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 12, 2001

the program, effective July 1, 2006.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 SECTION 1. Part 1 of article 32 of title 22, Colorado Revised
3 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

4 22-32-131. Stipend for student teachers - reduction in class size
5 - definitions - repeal. (1) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS
6 AND DECLARES THAT:

7 (I) STUDENTS LEARN BETTER WHEN THERE ARE FEWER STUDENTS
8 IN THEIR CLASS;

9 (II) SMALLER CLASS SIZE MEANS MORE INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION
10 FOR EACH STUDENT;

11 (III) THIS YEAR THERE ARE OVER TWO THOUSAND STUDENTS
12 FULFILLING THEIR STUDENT TEACHING REQUIREMENTS IN COLORADO;

13 (IV) THESE STUDENT TEACHERS SHOULD BE UTILIZED BY SCHOOL
14 DISTRICTS TO DELIVER MORE INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION TO STUDENTS.

15 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTENDS THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS USE
16 STUDENT TEACHERS TO INCREASE THE INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION
17 STUDENTS RECEIVE IN THE CLASSROOM AND THE QUALITY OF THEIR
18 EDUCATION AND THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS USE STATE EDUCATION FUND
19 MONEYS TO FINANCIALLY ASSIST STUDENT TEACHERS IN EXCHANGE FOR
20 THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE.

21 (c) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT,
22 FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION,
23 THE USE OF STUDENT TEACHERS TO INCREASE THE INDIVIDUALIZED
24 ATTENTION STUDENTS RECEIVE IN THE CLASSROOM AND ENHANCE THE
25 QUALITY OF THEIR EDUCATION IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN REDUCING

1 CLASS SIZE AND MAY THEREFORE RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE STATE
2 EDUCATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 17 (4) OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE
3 CONSTITUTION.

4 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
5 REQUIRES:

6 (a) "APPROVED TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM" HAS THE SAME
7 MEANING AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-1-121, C.R.S.

8 (b) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
9 CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-115, C.R.S.

10 (c) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE STUDENT TEACHER ASSISTANCE
11 PROGRAM CREATED IN THIS SECTION.

12 (d) "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
13 CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE
14 STATE CONSTITUTION.

15 (e) "STATE EDUCATION FUND" MEANS THE STATE EDUCATION FUND
16 CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 (4) OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE
17 CONSTITUTION.

18 (f) "STUDENT TEACHING REQUIREMENT" MEANS THE SUPERVISED,
19 FIELD-BASED EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT FOR ANY APPROVED TEACHER
20 PREPARATION PROGRAM.

21 (3) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED THE STUDENT TEACHER ASSISTANCE
22 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A STIPEND FOR STUDENT TEACHERS WHO FULFILL
23 THEIR STUDENT TEACHING REQUIREMENTS IN COLORADO AND WHO
24 SUBSEQUENTLY OBTAIN FULL-TIME POSITIONS IN THE COLORADO PUBLIC
25 SCHOOL SYSTEM.

26 (4) BEGINNING IN THE 2002-03 ACADEMIC YEAR, EACH SCHOOL
27 DISTRICT THAT ASSISTS STUDENTS IN FULFILLING THEIR STUDENT TEACHING

1 REQUIREMENTS SHALL APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR STATE EDUCATION
2 FUND MONEYS TO PROVIDE A STIPEND FOR STUDENT TEACHERS WHO ARE
3 WORKING IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE STIPEND SHALL BE IN THE
4 AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, PAYABLE TO THE
5 STUDENT TEACHER UPON COMPLETION OF THE STUDENT TEACHING
6 REQUIREMENTS IF THE STUDENT RECEIVES A SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE
7 EVALUATION. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL USE ITS STUDENT TEACHERS TO
8 GIVE MORE INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION TO STUDENTS AND TO REDUCE
9 CLASS SIZE.

10 (5) A STUDENT SHALL REPAY THE STIPEND RECEIVED PURSUANT TO
11 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION IF THE STUDENT, WITHIN THREE YEARS
12 AFTER THE DATE OF THE STUDENT'S GRADUATION FROM AN APPROVED
13 TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM, HAS NOT CONTRACTED FOR A FULL-TIME
14 POSITION WITH A COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT.

15 (6) A STUDENT SHALL IMMEDIATELY REPAY THE STIPEND RECEIVED
16 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION IF THE STUDENT ACCEPTS
17 A TEACHING POSITION OUTSIDE THE STATE OF COLORADO WITHIN THREE
18 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE STUDENT'S GRADUATION FROM AN
19 APPROVED TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM.

20 (7) AS A CONDITION OF ACCEPTING THE STIPEND PURSUANT TO
21 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, THE STUDENT SHALL PROVIDE, IN
22 ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES, EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION
23 FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE STUDENT'S GRADUATION FROM
24 AN APPROVED TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM.

25 (8) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO ALLOW A
26 SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SUPPLANT STATE EDUCATION FUND MONEYS FOR
27 MONEYS CURRENTLY BEING SPENT ON A TEACHER IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

1 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-32-110.3.

2 (9) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AS NECESSARY
3 TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE
4 PROCESS BY WHICH SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE FROM
5 THE DEPARTMENT STATE EDUCATION FUND MONEYS.

6 (10) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006.

7 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.