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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1053

Introduced by Walz, 15.

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and
- 2 Retention Act; to amend sections 79-8,114 and 79-8,118, Revised
- 3 Statutes Supplement, 2023; to authorize extended-career retention
- 4 grants under the act as prescribed; to change a termination date; to
- 5 repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 79-8,114, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is
2 amended to read:

3 79-8,114 (1) A teacher may apply to the department for a grant. The
4 department shall not prioritize a grant based upon the school where the
5 applicant teaches.

6 (2) A teacher is eligible to apply for:

7 (a) A retention one grant of two thousand five hundred dollars if
8 the teacher has signed a contract to complete such teacher's second
9 complete school year of full-time employment as a teacher at a Nebraska
10 school in school year 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, or 2026-27;

11 (b) A retention two grant of two thousand five hundred dollars if
12 the teacher has signed a contract to complete such teacher's fourth
13 complete school year of full-time employment as a teacher at a Nebraska
14 school in school year 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, or 2026-27;

15 (c) A retention three grant of two thousand five hundred dollars if
16 the teacher has signed a contract to complete such teacher's sixth
17 complete school year of full-time employment as a teacher at a Nebraska
18 school in school year 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, or 2026-27;~~and~~

19 (d)(i) A high-need retention grant of five thousand dollars if on or
20 after June 2, 2023, a teacher:

21 (A) Obtains an endorsement in special education, mathematics,
22 science, technology, or dual credit; and

23 (B) Signs a contract to complete a school year of full-time
24 employment as a teacher at a Nebraska school in school year 2024-25,
25 2025-26, or 2026-27.

26 (ii) A teacher shall only be eligible to receive one high-need
27 retention grant; and -

28 (e)(i) An extended-career retention grant of two thousand five
29 hundred dollars if on or after June 1, 2024, a teacher:

30 (A) Qualifies for an unreduced retirement annuity benefit under
31 either subdivision (5)(c) or subsection (6) of section 79-934 or

1 subsection (1) or (2) of section 79-9,100.01; and

2 (B) Signs a contract to teach as a full-time teacher at a Nebraska
3 school in school year 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28, or 2028-29.

4 (ii) A teacher shall only be eligible to receive five extended-
5 career retention grants.

6 Sec. 2. Section 79-8,118, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is
7 amended to read:

8 79-8,118 The Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act
9 terminates on January 1, 2030 ~~2028~~.

10 Sec. 3. Original sections 79-8,114 and 79-8,118, Revised Statutes
11 Supplement, 2023, are repealed.

12 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
13 passed and approved according to law.