

S.F. No. 1777 – Teacher Residency Grant Pilot Program

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Section 1. Teacher Residency Grant Pilot Program. Codifies the teacher residency grant pilot program as section 122A.67.

Subdivision 1. Teacher residency grant pilot program. States the purpose of the program is to prepare 400 teacher candidates through a research-based residency model.

Subd. 2. Residency funding. Requires the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) to provide grants to teacher candidates and teacher mentors in the program. Sets grant amounts. Requires PELSB to award a grant to develop and implement technical and administrative support for the program.

Subd. 3. Eligibility. Sets eligibility for teacher preparation programs that seek to sponsor teacher candidates for the pilot program.

Subd. 4. Grant procedure. Establishes a process for teacher preparation programs to apply to the Office of Higher Education (OHE) for pilot program grants. Establishes priorities for awarding grants.

Subd. 5. Partner districts. Requires a partner school district or charter school to provide certain supports to its partner teacher candidates and teacher preparation programs.

Subd. 6. Residents. Establishes eligibility criteria for teacher candidates who seek to participate in the pilot program through a participating teacher preparation program.

Section 2. Appropriations. Appropriates money from the general fund to PELSB to establish and administer the teacher residency grant pilot program. Allows PELSB to enter into an interagency agreement with OHE to administer the funds.

Section 3. Repealer. Repeals section 122A.68, teaching residency program.