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House Bill 259

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Date _____, 2023

Representative Lambeth

- 1 Moves to amend the bill on page 29, line 47, by rewriting the line to read:
- 2 "(1) At least ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for nursing programs.";
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- 4 and further moves to amend the bill on page 87, line 4 through page 103, line 46, by removing
- 5 those lines;
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- 7 and further moves to amend the bill on page 107, line 39, by rewriting the line to read "school
- 8 ~~psychologists~~ health personnel may be converted to dollar equivalents for contracted";
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- 10 and further moves to amend the bill on page 113, line 39, by rewriting the line to read:
- 11 "in crisis, (ii) school safety training, (iii) safety equipment in schools, and (iv) subsidizing the
- 12 School Resource Officer Grants Program.";
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- 14 and further moves to amend the bill on page 113, line 1, by inserting the word "**ONLINE**" before
- 15 the word "**CLASSROOM**";
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- 17 and on page 113, line 2, by inserting the subsection letter "**(a)**" after the section number "**7.34**";
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- 19 and on page 113, line 4, by deleting the number "ten million dollars (\$10,000,000)" and replacing
- 20 it with the phrase "seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000)";
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- 22 and on page 113, line 9, by deleting the number "\$5,000,000" and replacing it with the phrase
- 23 "Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000)";
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- 25 and on page 113, line 12, by deleting the number "\$2,500,000" and replacing it with the phrase
- 26 "Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000)";
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- 28 and on page 113, line 14, deleting the number "\$2,500,000" and replacing it with the phrase "Two
- 29 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000)";
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- 31 and on page 113, lines 16-17, by inserting between the lines the following:



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1 **"SECTION 7.34.(b)** Of the funds appropriated by this act from the ARPA
2 Temporary Savings Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for the 2023-2025 fiscal
3 biennium, the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in nonrecurring
4 funds shall be allocated in each year of the fiscal biennium for the Department to contract with a
5 third party to provide public school units the services to prevent, detect, and remediate advanced
6 malware threats.";

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8 and further moves to amend the bill on page 115, lines 23-24, by inserting the following between
9 the lines:

10 **"SECTION 7.36.(g1)** Subsidizing School Resource Officer Grants Program. – If the
11 Superintendent of Public Instruction receives applications for grants for school resource officers
12 under G.S. 115C-105.60 in excess of the amount of funding appropriated for school resource
13 officer grants in the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, the Superintendent may use the funds
14 appropriated in this act from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to the Department of Public
15 Instruction for the grants provided for in this Program to cover the unmet need for school resource
16 officer grants.";

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18 and further moves to amend the bill on page 137, lines 6-7, by inserting between the lines the
19 following:

20 **"TEACHER APPRENTICE GRANT PROGRAM**

21 **SECTION 7.44A.(a)** Definitions. – The following definitions shall apply in this section:

- 22 (1) Eligible high school graduate. – A graduate of a high school in a local school
23 administrative unit who was enrolled in a Career and College Promise
24 Transfer Pathway Program leading to an associate degree in teacher
25 preparation and earned one or more credits toward that degree.
26 (2) Eligible teacher apprentice. – An eligible high school graduate who meets the
27 following criteria:
28 a. Is employed as a teacher apprentice in an elementary school in the
29 same local school administrative unit where he or she graduated high
30 school.
31 b. Is enrolled part-time or full-time in a recognized educator preparation
32 program pursuing coursework toward a college degree that will result
33 in teacher licensure.
34 c. Qualifies as a resident for tuition purposes under the criteria set forth
35 in G.S. 116-143.1 and in accordance with the coordinated and
36 centralized residency determination process administered by the
37 Authority.
38 (3) Program. – Teacher Apprentice Grant Program.
39 (4) Teacher apprentice. – A teacher assistant who works with a teacher of record
40 to develop an expertise in teaching by observing best education practices and
41 gaining classroom experience with the goal of becoming a licensed teacher.

42 **SECTION 7.44A.(b)** Program Established. – The Department of Public Instruction
43 shall establish the Teacher Apprentice Grant Program for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium. The

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1 purpose of the Program is to provide grants to local school administrative units to award funds
2 for (i) the cost of tuition at an educator preparation program for eligible teacher apprentices and
3 (ii) salary supplements for teacher apprentices who become teachers in the unit.

4 **SECTION 7.44A.(c)** Applications; Grant Priority. – Local school administrative
5 units may submit applications to participate in the Program pursuant to a process to be established
6 by the Department of Public Instruction. The application shall identify current and ongoing needs
7 for licensed teachers and the expected number of eligible teacher apprentices that would
8 participate in the Program. In evaluating applications, the Department shall prioritize local school
9 administrative units who received funds under the Teacher Assistant Tuition Reimbursement
10 Pilot Program established in Section 8.29 of S.L. 2016-94, as amended by Section 7.20 of S.L.
11 2017-57, Section 6(m) of S.L. 2017-189, and Section 7.21 of S.L. 2018-5.

12 **SECTION 7.44A.(d)** Award of Funds. – To the extent funds are made available for
13 the Program, funds shall be awarded as follows:

- 14 (1) Funds for Tuition. – Eligible teacher apprentices shall receive awards of up to
15 four thousand six hundred dollars (\$4,600) per academic semester, per eligible
16 teacher apprentice, up to four academic years to defray the costs of tuition and
17 fees for part-time or full-time coursework taken while employed in the local
18 school administrative unit as an eligible teacher apprentice.
- 19 (2) Funds for Salary Supplements. – Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
20 any eligible teacher apprentice who becomes a licensed teacher and accepts
21 employment in the same local school administrative unit shall receive a salary
22 supplement each month during his or her first four years of employment as a
23 teacher, without a break in service, equivalent to the difference between the
24 State-funded salary of the graduate and the State-funded salary of a similarly
25 situated teacher with four years of experience on the "A" Teachers Salary
26 Schedule, as long as the teacher remains teaching in the same local school
27 administrative unit.

28 **SECTION 7.44A.(e)** Additional Criteria. – The following additional criteria shall
29 apply to funds awarded under the Program:

- 30 (1) A local board of education may grant an eligible teacher apprentice academic
31 leave to pursue coursework that may only be taken during working hours.
- 32 (2) An eligible teacher apprentice shall fulfill the student teaching requirements
33 of an educator preparation program by working as a teacher apprentice at his
34 or her employing local school administrative unit.
- 35 (3) An eligible teacher apprentice shall continue to receive salary and benefits
36 while student teaching in the local school administrative unit as provided for
37 teacher assistants in G.S. 115C-269.30(c).
- 38 (4) Local boards of education receiving grants under the Program shall make
39 efforts to the promote the Program to high school students enrolled in a Career
40 and College Promise Transfer Pathway Program.

41 **SECTION 7.44A.(f)** Selection of Teacher Apprentices. – The Department shall
42 establish criteria for initial and continuing eligibility to participate in the Program. The
43 Department shall adopt standards to ensure that only qualified, potential recipients receive an

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1 award of funds for tuition and fees under the Program. The standards shall include satisfactory
2 academic progress toward achieving teacher licensure. Local school administrative units
3 receiving grants pursuant to the Program shall prioritize for the award of funds for eligible teacher
4 apprentices who received an award in the prior academic year.

5 **SECTION 7.44A.(g)** Endorsement of tuition assistance awards for recipients. – Each
6 local board of education participating in the Program shall enter into a memorandum of
7 understanding with the institution of higher education in which an award recipient under the
8 Program is enrolled that includes procedures for at least the following:

- 9 (1) Remittance of the award from the local board of education to the institution
10 of higher education.
11 (2) Endorsement of the funds awarded to the recipient to the institution of higher
12 education for deposit into the account of the institution.
13 (3) Return of a pro rata share of funds to the local board of education in the event
14 a recipient (i) withdraws from the institution of higher education prior to the
15 end of a term or (ii) the recipient's employment with the local board of
16 education is terminated. The return of funds shall be consistent with
17 procedures used by the institution under federal Title IV programs.

18 **SECTION 7.44A.(h)** Report to the General Assembly. – The Department shall report
19 no later than May 15, 2023, and annually thereafter while funds are awarded under the Program,
20 to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee regarding the Program, including at least
21 the following information:

- 22 (1) Funds awarded under the Program, including the following:
23 a. Demographic information regarding eligible teacher apprentices.
24 b. Number of award recipients by local school administrative unit and
25 educator preparation program.
26 (2) Placement rates, including the number of award recipients who have been
27 employed as licensed teachers in the same local school administrative unit in
28 which they worked as a teacher apprentice and the time frame from the
29 issuance of the initial award of funds to the time of achieving licensure.
30 (3) Recommendations to improve the Program and increase the number of
31 teachers in North Carolina.

32 **SECTION 7.44A.(i)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law or the Committee
33 Report described in Section 43.2 of this act to the contrary, the funds appropriated in this act for
34 the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium to the Department of Public Instruction shall be increased by five
35 million dollars (\$5,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for each year of the 2023-2025 fiscal
36 biennium in requirements and receipts to establish the Teacher Apprentice Grant Program in
37 accordance with this section.";

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39 and on page 138, lines 15-16, by inserting between the lines the following:

40 **"SECTION 7.46.(e)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law or the Committee
41 Report described in Section 43.2 of this act to the contrary, the funds appropriated by this act for
42 the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium to the Department of Public Instruction for Teacher Assistant

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1 Completion Grants shall be decreased by five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in nonrecurring funds
2 in requirements and receipts in each year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.";

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4 and further moves to amend the bill on page 238, lines 44-45, by deleting "sixty-three million
5 three hundred twenty-nine thousand two hundred fifty-two dollars (\$63,329,252)" and
6 substituting "sixty-one million nine hundred eighty thousand five hundred twenty-six dollars
7 (\$61,980,526)";

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9 and further moves to amend the bill on page 250, line 8, by replacing "Cabarrus," with
10 "Columbus,";

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12 and further moves to amend the bill on page 250, line 33, by inserting at the end of the line "**AND**
13 **FUNDING CLARIFICATION**";

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15 and on page 250, lines 42-43, by inserting between those lines the following language:

16 "SECTION 11.8.(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or the Committee Report
17 referenced in Section 43.2 of this act to the contrary, funds appropriated in this act from the
18 projected interest in the State Fiscal Recovery Reserve to the Department for the NASCAR All-
19 Star Race may be used by the grant recipient to cover expenditures made prior to the effective
20 date of this act.";

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22 and further moves to amend the bill on page 262, line 27, by deleting the phrase "**THE GREAT**
23 **TRAILS FUND**" and substituting "**GREAT TRAILS STATE PROGRAM**";

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25 and on page 263, line 22, by deleting the phrase "The Great Trails Fund" and substituting "The
26 Great Trails State Program";

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28 and further moves to amend the bill on page 290, line 5, by deleting the phrase "ten million
29 dollars (\$10,000,000)" and substituting the phrase "nine million dollars (\$9,000,000)";

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31 and on page 290, line 11, by deleting the phrase "ten million dollars (\$10,000,000)" and
32 substituting the phrase "nine million dollars (\$9,000,000)";

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34 and further moves to amend the bill on page 343, line 44, by replacing "Carolinas AGC, Inc."
35 with "CAGC Foundation, Inc.";

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37 and further moves to amend the bill on page 344, between lines 22-23, by adding the following
38 new section to read:

39 "**OSBM/GRANT TO NORTH CAROLINA SPORTS LEGACY FOUNDATION**

40 SECTION 24.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of the Committee
41 Report referenced in Section 43.2 of this act to the contrary, the funds budgeted for a directed
42 grant to the North Carolina Sports Legacy Foundation in the amount of twenty-two million
43 dollars (\$22,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and eight million

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1 dollars (\$8,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year shall be used for a
2 directed grant to the North Carolina Sports Legacy Foundation for capital needs.";

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4 and further moves to amend the bill on page 352, lines 26-27, by rewriting those line to read:

5 "(1) Must have served in a North Carolina fire department for a minimum of five
6 continuous ~~years~~ years; provided, however, if a firefighter, during those five
7 years, experiences a lapse in service of no more than six months, the firefighter
8 shall not be ineligible to receive benefits under the pilot program.";

9
10 and further moves to amend the bill on page 403, lines 22-23 by inserting between the lines the
11 following:

12 **"TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT CORRECTIONS**

13 **SECTION 41.16.** Notwithstanding the Committee Report described in Section 43.2
14 of this act:

- 15 (1) Funds for the construction of the "US 1 Pedestrian Bridge" shall be transferred
16 from the projected interest accrued to the State Fiscal Recovery Reserve and
17 shall be used for the construction of a pedestrian bridge over Highway 1 at the
18 Rockingham Speedway in Richmond County.
19 (2) Funds for the construction of the "Pedestrian Bridge US 49" shall be
20 transferred from the projected interest accrued to the State Fiscal Recovery
21 Reserve.
22 (3) Funds for the construction of the "Interchange Wilkes County" shall be
23 transferred from the projected interest accrued to the State Fiscal Recovery
24 Reserve.";

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26 and by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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