

SENATE BILL 506: ATR Salary Sups and Grant Increases.

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OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 506 would increase the funding for Advanced Teaching Roles salary supplements and grants.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 506 would direct the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to allocate additional funds for salary supplements to public school units participating in the Advanced Teaching Roles (ATR) program. The bill would appropriate from the General Fund to DPI an additional \$16,200,000 in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and an additional \$20,100,000 in recurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for the salary supplements for the ATR program. This would bring the total revised net appropriations to DPI for the salary supplements for the ATR program to \$27,100,000 in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and \$31,000,000 in recurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

The bill would also appropriate an additional \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to DPI in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to bring the total revised net appropriations to DPI to \$6,500,000 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to expand the ATR program.

BACKGROUND: The ATR program is a program that links teacher performance and professional growth to salary increases for classroom teachers. The purpose of the program is to allow highly effective classroom teachers to advance by teaching an increased number of students or becoming a lead classroom teacher responsible for the student performance of all students taught by teachers on the lead classroom teacher's team. The ATR program also enables local school administrative units to provide salary supplements to classroom teachers in advanced teaching roles and create innovate compensation models that focus on professional growth with measurable improvements in student outcomes. Finally, the ATR program allows local plans to establish organizational changes related to compensation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective July 1, 2025.

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