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LEGISLATIVE BILL 762

Introduced by DeBoer, 10. Read first time January 18, 2023 Committee:

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to define terms; to provide
powers and duties to the State Department of Education relating to a
teacher apprenticeship program; to create a fund; and to state
intent relating to funding.
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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| 1 | Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section: |
| 2 | <u>(a) Department means the State Department of Education; and</u> |
| 3 | (b) Program means the Nebraska Teacher Apprenticeship Program. |
| 4 | (2) The department shall create and administer the Nebraska Teacher |
| 5 | Apprenticeship Program. The purpose of the program is to help recruit and |
| 6 | increase teachers throughout the state by utilizing an apprenticeship |
| 7 | model for training. |
| 8 | <u>(3)(a) The department may work with institutions of higher</u> |
| 9 | education, the Department of Labor, and others the State Department of |
| 10 | Education deems necessary to implement the program. |
| 11 | <u>(b) The State Department of Education may use pilot programs to</u> |
| 12 | assist with the creation of the program. |
| 13 | (4) The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules and |
| 14 | regulations to carry out the program. |
| 15 | <u>(5) The Nebraska Teacher Apprenticeship Fund is created. The fund</u> |
| 16 | shall be administered by the department to carry out the program. The |
| 17 | fund shall consist of money transferred by the Legislature and any gifts, |
| 18 | grants, bequests, donations, or other contributions from public or |
| 19 | private sources. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be |
| 20 | invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital |
| 21 | Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. |
| 22 | <u>(6) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer XXXX dollars</u> |
| 23 | from the General Fund to the Nebraska Teacher Apprenticeship Fund for |
| 24 | fiscal year 2023-24 for the purposes of carrying out the program. |