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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Bullard) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 1009.641, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1009.641 STEM Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program.-

(1) The STEM Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program, administered by the Department of Education, is established to encourage and incentivize qualified Florida college graduates to remain in



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11 this state to teach STEM courses at a public school.

12 (2) To be eligible to participate in this program, a
13 teacher must meet all of the following criteria:

14 (a) Receive a baccalaureate or graduate degree from a
15 Florida public postsecondary education institution.

16 (b) Hold a valid Florida educator's certificate under s.
17 1012.56.

18 (c) Be employed by a public school district and assigned to
19 teach a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM)
20 course at a public school in this state for 8 consecutive years.

21 (d) Not receive student loan repayment assistance from any
22 other state, local, or federal program or private fund.

23 (3) The program may cover only those loans received by
24 students from federal programs or commercial lending
25 institutions for the support of the study of education at a
26 postsecondary education institution.

27 (4) The department may make loan repayments, which shall be
28 prorated based on available appropriations, of up to \$4,000 a
29 year for up to 4 years on behalf of teachers who meet the
30 eligibility requirements under subsection (2). All loan
31 repayments shall be made directly to the holder of the loan and
32 shall be contingent on proof of continued employment by a public
33 school district and of continued assignment to teach a STEM
34 course.

35 (5) The department may use only up to 1 percent of the
36 funds appropriated for the program to administer this section,
37 unless the General Appropriations Act authorizes a different
38 amount for such purpose.

39 (6) This section shall be implemented only as specifically



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40 funded.

41 (7) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to
42 administer the program.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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46 And the title is amended as follows:

47 Delete everything before the enacting clause
48 and insert:

49 A bill to be entitled
50 An act relating to the STEM Teacher Loan Forgiveness
51 Program; creating s. 1009.641, F.S.; creating the STEM
52 Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program; providing for the
53 administration of the program; providing for teacher
54 eligibility; specifying the type of loans the program
55 covers; authorizing the Department of Education to
56 make specified loan repayments; authorizing the
57 department to use up to a specified percentage of
58 available funds to administer the program; providing
59 for implementation and rulemaking; providing an
60 effective date.