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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Jones) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 1012.988, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

1012.988 School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program.—

(1) The School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program is
established within the Department of Education. The purpose of
the program is to increase the effectiveness and involvement of



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classroom teachers and improve student achievement, classroom management, and excellence in the state's public schools.

(2)(a) School districts and charter schools may place retired classroom teachers or current classroom teachers in schools earning a grade of "D" or "F" to act as teacher mentors to:

1. New classroom teachers;

2. Classroom teachers who are rated as needs improvement, developing, or unsatisfactory on the prior year's performance evaluation under s. 1012.34; or

3. Classroom teachers identified by the school administrator as struggling with behavior management within the classroom.

(b) Each teacher mentor selected by the school district, charter school, or charter management organization must have:

1. At least 3 years of teaching experience in prekindergarten through grade 12.

2. Earned a highly effective rating on his or her most recent performance evaluation under s. 1012.34.

(c) Each teacher mentor may receive a stipend of up to \$3,000. The teacher mentor may work with multiple classroom teachers.

(3) The Department of Education shall establish program standards and a standard contract template for the teacher mentor and mentee which outlines the responsibilities of each person and establishes the framework and goals of the program.

(4) Each teacher mentor must:

(a) Not have an official management relationship with his or her mentee.



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(b) Provide direction, advice, and a neutral sounding board to his or her mentee.

(c) Maintain confidentiality, unless prohibited by law.

(d) Not have a personal agenda other than assisting his or her mentee in developing and reaching the mentee's goals.

(e) Help his or her mentee in developing skills and expertise, including drawing upon the teacher mentor's own personal experiences.

(5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to administer this section.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each district for operation of schools is not determined in the annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as follows:

(7) EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT ALLOCATION.—

(a) The educational enrichment allocation is created to assist school districts in providing educational enrichment activities and services that support and increase the academic achievement of students in grades kindergarten through 12. Educational enrichment activities and services may be provided in a manner and at any time during or beyond the regular 180-day term identified by the school district as being the most effective and efficient way to best help the student progress from grade to grade and graduate from high school. Funds from the educational enrichment allocation may be used for the School



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Teacher Training and Mentoring Program under s. 1012.988. For fiscal year 2023-2024, the educational enrichment allocation shall consist of a base amount as specified in the General Appropriations Act. Beginning in fiscal year 2024-2025, the educational enrichment allocation shall consist of the base amount that includes a workload adjustment based on changes in the unweighted full-time equivalent membership. Beginning in fiscal year 2025-2026, and each year thereafter, the statewide average base amount as specified in the General Appropriations Act shall be used for any new educational entity funded in the Florida Education Finance Program.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program; creating s. 1012.988, F.S.; establishing the School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program within the Department of Education; providing the purpose of the program; authorizing school districts and charter schools to place certain classroom teachers as teacher mentors in specified schools for specified purposes; providing requirements for teacher mentors and mentees; authorizing teacher mentors to receive a stipend and work with multiple classroom teachers; providing department and teacher



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98 mentor responsibilities; authorizing the State Board
99 of Education to adopt rules; amending s. 1011.62,
100 F.S.; authorizing specified funds to be used for the
101 School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program;
102 providing an effective date.