

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT -- EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Grants for Teacher Training and Recruitment

Motion:

Move to create a teacher training and recruitment grant program as follows:

a. Transfer's the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) biennial GPR Teach for America appropriation to the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and rename the appropriation "Workforce development; grants for teacher training and recruitment". From this appropriation, require DWD to award a grant to a nonprofit organization that applies to receive a grant if all the following apply: (1) the organization is described under section 510(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, (2) the organization operates a program to recruit and prepare individuals to teach in public or private schools located in low-income or urban school districts in Wisconsin, and (3) the organization submits an application no later than January 15 in the year for which the organization seeks a grant and includes with its application a description of the organization and its program and the manner in which grant funding will benefit or has benefited the organization in the past.

c. Require DWD to establish a process for evaluating and assigning a score to each organization eligible to receive a teacher training and recruitment grant.

d. Require DWD to give preference in evaluating teacher training and recruitment grants, if program funds are insufficient, to a nonprofit organization for each of the following: (1) the program trains future teachers who are enrolled in an accredited college or university in Wisconsin concurrent with training; (2) the program focuses on future teachers who plan to teach in public or private school in Wisconsin as a profession; (3) the program provides continuing education and professional development; and (4) the program attempts to place a majority of its total participants in public or private schools located in low-income or urban school districts in Wisconsin.

e. Specify that DWD, when awarding a teacher training and recruitment grant, may not consider the religious affiliation, if any, of the nonprofit organization or whether the organization has received funding from the state in the past.

f. Require DWD, by February 15 of each year, to make its determination regarding successful applicants and notify those applicants that will receive a teacher training and recruitment grant.

g. Delete the DPI Teach for America grant program which authorizes DPI to grant the amounts appropriated in the schedule to Teach for America, Inc., for the purposes of recruiting and preparing individuals to teach in low-income or urban school districts in Wisconsin.

Note:

The motion would move a biennial GPR grant appropriation from DPI to DWD. Under current law, the bill, and the motion, expenditure authority in the appropriation would be \$500,000 annually.

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