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AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Appropriation; department of education;
3 professional development and support personnel;
4 reporting requirements

5 A. The sum of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
6 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the department of education to distribute
7 to school districts that have a low teacher experience index calculated
8 pursuant to section 15-941, Arizona Revised Statutes, for the purposes of
9 hiring professional development and support personnel.

10 B. The department of education shall distribute fifty percent of
11 the monies appropriated in subsection A of this section to school
12 districts in counties with a population of less than five hundred thousand
13 persons and fifty percent of the monies appropriated in subsection A of
14 this section to school districts in counties with a population of five
15 hundred thousand or more persons.

16 C. A school district that receives monies under subsection A of
17 this section shall ensure that professional development and support
18 services are made available to both new teachers and teachers who are
19 moving to a different grade or subject area.

20 D. On or before September 1, 2024, each school district that
21 received monies under subsection A of this section shall submit a report
22 to the department of education that includes all of the following
23 information:

24 1. The average salaries of teachers in the school district who
25 have:

26 (a) Less than one year of teaching experience.

27 (b) At least one year but less than five years of teaching
28 experience.

29 (c) Five or more years of teaching experience.

30 2. The retention rates of teachers in the school district who have:

31 (a) Less than one year of teaching experience.

32 (b) At least one year but less than five years of teaching
33 experience.

34 (c) Five or more years of teaching experience.

35 3. Quantitative data, such as benchmark and statewide assessment
36 data, as prescribed by the department.

37 E. On or before January 1, 2025, the department of education shall
38 compile the information contained in the reports submitted pursuant to
39 subsection D of this section into a final collective report and shall
40 submit the report to the governor, the president of the senate and the
41 speaker of the house of representatives and shall provide a copy of this
42 report to the secretary of state.