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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2844

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2844 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 2-3.173 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.173 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.173. Supporting Future Teachers Program.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "English learner" means a child included in the definition
10 of "English learners" under Section 14C-2 of this Code.

11 "Low-income student" means a student that would be included
12 in an Organizational Unit's Low-Income Count, as calculated
13 under Section 18-8.15 of this Code.

14 "Program" means the Supporting Future Teachers Program
15 established under this Section.

16 "Qualified participant" means a high school graduate who:

1 (i) can demonstrate proficiency in a language other than
2 English or is a recipient of a State Seal of Biliteracy or, at
3 any one time during pre-kindergarten through grade 12, was
4 identified as a low-income student; and (ii) is a member of the
5 community in which the participating school district is
6 located. A "qualified participant" must be enrolled in an
7 educator preparation program approved by the State Board of
8 Education at a regionally accredited institution of higher
9 education in this State.

10 "State Board" means the State Board of Education.

11 (b) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the State
12 Board shall establish and maintain the Supporting Future
13 Teachers Program to assist qualified participants in acquiring
14 a Professional Educator License.

15 (c) Each participating school district shall partner with
16 an educator preparation program approved by the State Board at
17 a regionally accredited institution of higher education in this
18 State. Each qualified participant enrolled in the Program
19 through the school district must be enrolled at least part-time
20 each semester at that institution of higher education in its
21 educator preparation program and be working toward a
22 Professional Educator License.

23 (d) A qualified participant shall no longer qualify for the
24 Program if at any time the participating school district or the
25 institution of higher education determines that the qualified
26 participant is no longer making substantial progress toward a

1 degree in an approved educator preparation program.

2 (e) Throughout each semester of participation in the
3 Program, the qualified participant must be employed by the
4 participating school district and working under the
5 supervision of a school district employee. Duties of the
6 qualified participant may include, but are not limited to (i)
7 working in cooperation with his or her supervisor under this
8 subsection (e) to create classroom curriculum and lesson plans
9 and (ii) working with and mentoring English learners or
10 low-income students on a one-on-one basis.

11 Each participating school district may use appropriate
12 State, federal, or local revenue to employ the qualified
13 participant.

14 (f) At the end of each school year of the Program, each
15 participating school district shall submit data to the State
16 Board detailing all of the following:

17 (1) The number of qualified participants enrolled in
18 the Program.

19 (2) The costs associated with the Program.

20 (3) The duties assigned to each qualified participant
21 by his or her supervisor.

22 (4) The current status of each qualified participant in
23 his or her educator preparation program.

24 (5) The qualified participant's Illinois Educator
25 Identification Number, if available.

26 (6) Any other information requested by the State Board.

1 (g) Prior to the 2023-2024 school year, the State Board
2 shall electronically submit a report to the Clerk of the House
3 of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate detailing
4 the first 4 years of the program, including, but not limited
5 to, the following information:

6 (1) The participating school districts in the Program.

7 (2) The number of qualified participants enrolled in
8 the Program.

9 (3) The costs associated with the Program per school
10 district.

11 (4) A summary of the duties assigned to qualified
12 participants by school district supervisors.

13 (5) Any other information as determined by the State
14 Board.

15 (h) The State Board may establish and adopt any rules
16 necessary to implement this Section.

17 (i) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require a
18 school district to participate in the Program.

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law.".