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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 156, L.D. 335, “An Act to Improve Educator Certification Response Times”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Higher Education and Educator Support Services Z082

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for 5 Education Specialist III positions and related All Other costs in order to increase response times for educator certification, provide oversight of the certification process and support programming of the educator excellence team effective October 1, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5,000	5,000
Personal Services	\$373,969	\$516,780
All Other	\$47,050	\$44,300
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$421,019	\$561,080

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, amends the appropriations and allocations section to provide that the positions within the Department of Education may also be used to support programming of the educator excellence team.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)