Senate Amendment 3064

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1  1      Amend Senate File 277 as follows:
1  2   #1.  Page 19, by inserting after line 10 the
1  3 following:
1  4      <Sec. ___.  Section 284.13, Code 2007, is amended
1  5 by adding the following new subsection:
1  6      NEW SUBSECTION.  4.  a.  There is created an Iowa
1  7 elite teacher program to be administered by the
1  8 department.  The program shall consist of four pilot
1  9 projects.  The department shall develop an application
1 10 process and criteria for the selection of school
1 11 districts to participate in the program.  The criteria
1 12 developed shall include a prerequisite that
1 13 participation in the program has been agreed to by the
1 14 applicant school district's administrators and by a
1 15 majority of the teachers employed by the school
1 16 district or, if the licensed employees of the school
1 17 district are organized under chapter 20 for collective
1 18 bargaining purposes, by the employee organization.
1 19      b.  For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the
1 20 department shall select two school districts located
1 21 in urban areas and two school districts located in
1 22 rural areas to participate in the pilot projects.
1 23      c.  For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, the
1 24 department shall select four school districts located
1 25 in urban areas and four school districts located in
1 26 rural areas to participate in the pilot projects.
1 27      d.  The funds distributed to the selected school
1 28 districts shall be equally divided between the
1 29 selected school districts.  Each school district
1 30 selected to participate in the program shall
1 31 distribute the amount received pursuant to this
1 32 subsection equally to the teachers in the school
1 33 district who, as identified by the committee
1 34 established pursuant to paragraph "e", rank in the top
1 35 ten percent of the teachers employed by the school
1 36 district.
1 37      e.  Each school district selected to participate in
1 38 the program shall establish a five=member elite
1 39 teacher selection committee.  The committee shall
1 40 consist of an administrator, a school board member, a
1 41 teacher assigned to a grade level from kindergarten to
1 42 grade four, a teacher assigned to a grade level from
1 43 grade five to grade eight, and a teacher assigned to a
1 44 grade level or subject area from grade nine to grade
1 45 twelve.  The committee shall establish criteria for
1 46 ranking teachers employed by the school district.  The
1 47 committee, based upon the criteria established, shall
1 48 identify teachers who rank in the top ten percent of
1 49 the teachers employed in the school district in
1 50 accordance with paragraph "d".
2  1      f.  Teachers identified as provided in paragraph
2  2 "e" shall be offered an extended contract in
2  3 accordance with section 279.13.  As provided in
2  4 paragraph "d", the school district shall distribute
2  5 funds as a salary enhancement to a teacher who accepts
2  6 the extended contract.  The extended contract shall
2  7 require the teacher to take measures to increase
2  8 student achievement through various summer school
2  9 initiatives including but not limited to curriculum
2 10 study and remedial work.  Any student who receives a
2 11 failing grade in the school district's core curriculum
2 12 areas shall be encouraged to attend the summer school
2 13 program.
2 14      g.  Teachers holding an initial or regular
2 15 practitioner license are eligible to receive salary
2 16 enhancements under the program.
2 17      h.  Each school district participating in the
2 18 program shall submit a report to the department upon
2 19 conclusion of the pilot project.  The department shall
2 20 submit a final report to the general assembly within
2 21 thirty days of completion of the program.
2 22      i.  Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary,
2 23 up to forty percent of the amount allocated for the
2 24 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and for the fiscal
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2 25 year beginning July 1, 2008, pursuant to subsection 1,
2 26 paragraph "g", subparagraphs (2) and (3), shall be
2 27 used by the department for purposes of the Iowa elite
2 28 teacher program.>
2 29 #2.  By renumbering as necessary.
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