

Subject Special Education Teachers

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Overview

This bill modifies the special education teacher pipeline program, which was enacted in 2023. The program provides grants to districts, charter schools, or cooperatives partnering with teacher preparation programs to help unlicensed staff or Tier 1 or 2 teachers get Tier 3 or 4 special education licenses. This bill would also allow grant funds to be used to help a teacher with a Tier 3 license add a field license in special education.

The legislature appropriated \$20 million in fiscal year 2024, and \$10 million in fiscal year 2025 for the special education teacher pipeline program.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Grant uses. [Special education teacher pipeline program] Allows a grant recipient to use grant funds to help a teacher with a Tier 3 license add a field license in special education.
2	Grant procedure. [Special education teacher pipeline program] Expands list of applications the commissioner must prioritize for grant funding to include funding for programs helping teachers with Tier 3 licenses add a field license in special education.