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Overview

A school district serving more than 40 percent students of color is eligible for a grant for a nontraditional teacher residency program such as the “grow your own” program. The grants may be used to provide paraprofessionals employed by the district who have a bachelor’s degree with tuition scholarships or stipends in order to help the paraprofessionals become licensed teachers.

The 2016 Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2017 to qualifying school districts offering school paraprofessionals a pathway to teacher licensure. The base budget for this program is \$1 million per year. This bill appropriates \$3 million per year for the program.

Section

- 1 Appropriation; paraprofessional pathways to teacher licensure.** Appropriates \$3 million per year from the general fund to the commissioner of education for grants to qualifying school districts for “grow your own” and other nontraditional teacher residency programs.