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Overview

The 2017 legislature appropriated \$1.5 million per year for the Grow Your Own pathways to teacher licensure program. Under current law, a district qualifies for a grant if at least 30 percent of the district's students are students of color. The grant supports school employees and community members closely affiliated with the school who seek teacher licensure through a nonconventional teacher preparation program.

HF 3206 adds \$3.5 million to the grants for fiscal year 2019. Of this amount, \$2 million is added to the existing program and \$1.5 million is for grants to qualifying districts for support of persons of color who reside or work in the district who seek teacher licensure. The grants may be used for a period not to exceed five years for tuition scholarships or stipends to eligible teaching assistants, cultural liaisons, or other nonlicensed employees of color who choose to enroll in a teacher preparation program or a school-based, board-approved program.

Section

- 1** **Grow Your Own teacher programs.** Appropriates an additional \$3.5 million for Grow Your Own teacher preparation programs. Directs \$2 million of the new money toward the existing program and directs \$1.5 million toward persons of color who seek teacher licensure through a teacher preparation program or a school-based, board-approved program.