

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB587

Hearing Date: Monday February 01, 2021
Committee On: Education
Introducer: McDonnell
One Liner: Adopt the Career Mentoring Grant Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Day, McKinney, Linehan, Morfeld, Murman, Pansing Brooks, Sanders, Walz

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

TIM PENDRELL

Representing:

INTRODUCER (Legislative Aide, on behalf of Sen. Mike McDonnell)

SYMPHONY WORKFORCE

TODD SMITH

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 1. Establishes the Career Mentoring Grant Act

Section 2. Sets out definitions for the purposes of this act.

Section 3. Requires the Department to institute a collaborative career mentoring grant program that shall provide matching funds to a partnership that includes at least one school district or educational service unit, one nonprofit organization, and may include one or more for-profit businesses.

In order to receive grant funding pursuant to this act the partnership submits a proposal that includes the following:

- A detailed plan for establishing and maintaining the collaborative career mentoring program;
 - An evaluation component;
 - Planned measures to assure student safety; and
 - The partnerships funding source for the matching funds.
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The department is required to award grants on an annual basis to partnerships that are likely to, or have already demonstrated success in building career mentoring relationships with students. No grant shall be awarded without a commitment of matching funds equal to the funds to be received from the grant.

Section 4. Sets out reporting requirements, on or before January 1 of each odd-numbered year, to the Legislature and Education Committee.

Section 5. Creates the Career Mentoring Grant Fund to consist of transfers from the State Lottery Operation Trust Fund.

Section 6. Allows the State Board of Education to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out such act.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 217 strikes the original funding source, renumbers sections accordingly, and harmonizes provisions therein.

Lynne Walz, Chairperson