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SENATE

130TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 60, L.D. 127, “Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Provide Grants for Professional Development in Computer Science Instruction”

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 17 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "resolve." the following: 'The Commissioner of Education shall distribute grant funds across all counties in the State equally among prekindergarten to grade 5, grade 6 to grade 8 and grade 9 to grade 12.'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. Application. Resolved: That a local education agency may submit an application for grant funds under the pilot program pursuant to section 1. The Commissioner of Education shall give priority to applicants that:

1. Do not currently offer computer science learning opportunities;
2. Serve socioeconomically disadvantaged school districts;
3. Prioritize student populations traditionally underrepresented in computer science;
4. Demonstrate a commitment to pursuing high-quality educator professional development that emphasizes integration of computer science into other course work and curricula or establishes or expands access to courses that offer college credit and other certificates of value, or both; and
5. Collaborate or partner with other entities, including but not limited to other local education agencies, the business community, nonprofit organizations and private entities.'

Amend the resolve in section 3 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "teacher-developed" the following: 'or teacher-led'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 4. Evaluation; annual submissions. Resolved: That each local education agency that receives a grant under the pilot program under section 1 shall engage in evaluation activities including interviews or surveys on the process and effect and

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1 outcomes of the professional development provided with grant funds, participate in a
 2 community of educators engaged in similar work and annually for the duration of the grant
 3 submit to the Department of Education a report or other product that showcases learning
 4 achieved through the professional development and that includes a reflective narrative of
 5 the professional development process. The Department of Education shall compile the
 6 submissions and make them available for educators across the State.'

7 Amend the resolve by inserting after section 6 the following:

8 **'Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
 9 appropriations and allocations are made.

10 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

11 **Professional Development Grant Pilot Program N342**

12 Initiative: Provides funds in fiscal years 2021-22 and 2022-23 only for a 2-year pilot
 13 program that provides grants to local education agencies for professional development in
 14 computer science instruction.

15	GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
16	All Other	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
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18	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000

19 **Professional Development Grant Pilot Program Fund N355**

20 Initiative: Provides base allocations for a 2-year pilot program that provides grants to local
 21 education agencies for professional development in computer science instruction to
 22 authorize the expenditure of funds in the event funds are received from federal funding
 23 sources.

24	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
25	All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500
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27	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$500	\$500	\$500
28	TOTAL			

29 **Professional Development Grant Pilot Program Fund N355**

30 Initiative: Provides base allocations for a 2-year pilot program that provides grants to local
 31 education agencies for professional development in computer science instruction to
 32 authorize the expenditure of funds in the event funds are received from outside funding
 33 sources.

34	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
35	FUNDS			
36	All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500
37				
38	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500	\$500
39	TOTAL			

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 41 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

42	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
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GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$500	\$500	\$500
FUND			
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500	\$500
FUNDS			
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL	\$1,000	\$251,000	\$251,000
FUNDS			

Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, changes the pilot program to provide that:

1. The Commissioner of Education must distribute grant funds across all counties in the State equally among prekindergarten to grade 5, grade 6 to grade 8 and grade 9 to grade 12;
2. The commissioner must give priority to applicants that do not currently offer computer science learning opportunities; serve socioeconomically disadvantaged school districts; prioritize student populations traditionally underrepresented in computer science; demonstrate a commitment to pursuing high-quality educator professional development that emphasizes integration of computer science into other course work and curricula or expands or establishes access to courses that offer college credit and other certificates of value, or both; and collaborate or partner with other entities, including but not limited to other local education agencies, the business community, nonprofit organizations and private entities;
3. The funds may be used only for high-quality, teacher-developed or teacher-led professional development; and
4. Each local education agency that receives a grant under the pilot program must engage in evaluation activities including interviews or surveys on the process and effect and outcomes of the professional development, participate in a community of educators engaged in similar work and annually for the duration of the grant submit to the Department of Education a report or other product that showcases learning and a narrative reflection. The department must compile the submissions and make them available for educators across the State.

The amendment also provides \$250,000 in each year of the biennium to fund the pilot program.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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