

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 235</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>ENGR</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Kerbs</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>FY-26 Impact: \$5,276,800</b>
	<b>FY-27 Impact: \$5,145,148</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB 235 provides matching funds to school districts that are providing financial assistance to employees who are obtaining standard teacher certification. Eligible school districts must apply to the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability for the matching funds, which will be provided on a first-come first-served basis. Any district that receives matching funds must submit a report to OEQA with a status update on the employee's progress and their employment status.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

This bill creates the Grow Your Own Educator Program to provide matching funds to eligible school districts and public school district foundations. The measure directs OEQA to administer the program and direct matching funds on a first come, first served basis.

Program cost is broken down as follows:

	<b><u>FY 2026</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2027</u></b>
Program Manager	\$67,600	\$33,800
Legal Support	\$44,200	\$17,680
Program Specialist	\$52,000	\$52,000
Data Specialist	\$0	\$34,668
Program Evaluation	\$25,000	\$5,000
<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>
Total	\$5,276,000	\$5,145,148

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**Other Considerations**

None.