

SENATE BILL 1981

By Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 9 and Title 49, relative to educator preparation. This act makes appropriations for educator preparation programs for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. From reserves available to the Department of Education, there is appropriated the sum of \$5,000,000 (non-recurring) to the Department of Finance and Administration for the sole purpose of making a grant in such amount to a nonprofit, four-year, postsecondary educational institution, to be used for supporting the institution's educator preparation program. Such institution must have been approved as an educational preparation provider by the State of Tennessee prior to July 1, 2016, and must have received approval of its program by the State Board of Education, with or without stipulations, on or after July 1, 2018. If the institution closes within five (5) years of receiving the funds appropriated by this item, then the institution shall repay all such funds to the Department of Finance and Administration within one (1) year from the date of closure.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.