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Increases career opportunities in education, creates a more robust enrollment forecasting, and enhances recruitment efforts.

Allows retired teachers to reenter the workforce without penalty of pension benefits, adequate student enrollment forecasting, additional funding for the alternative routes and educator retooling programs, and enhancements to recruitment.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with school districts, educational service districts, and other state agencies, to develop and implement a comprehensive, statewide initiative to increase the number of qualified individuals who apply for teaching positions in the state.

Makes an appropriation.