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Representative Tracie Davis’ Minority Teacher Education Scholarship Bill Passes Florida House

Tallahassee, FL – Yesterday, the Florida House of Representatives passed HB 1139, sponsored by Representative Tracie Davis (D-Jacksonville). The Minority Teacher Education Scholars Program is a collaborative, performance-based program for African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American, and Native American students enrolled in an approved teacher education program. The bill increases access to the program by removing the requirement that students must be in their junior year to be eligible for the award.

“This bill is an important first step in expanding opportunities for minority students who wish to enter Florida’s education workforce,” said Representative Tracie Davis. “By enabling more students to pursue a career in education, we can begin to address Florida’s growing teacher shortage. Not only does it confront this serious problem in our public education system, but it does so in a way that ensures that our teachers reflect our state’s diverse student population.”

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