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Representative Whitmire proposes the following amendment:

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[Amend further:]

1A.60. ~~(SDE: Bridge Program) Of the funds appropriated for “Rural Teacher Recruitment” in Fiscal Year 2024-25 2025-26, \$1,400,000 shall be transferred to South Carolina State University for the implementation and enhancement of a BRIDGE program to recruit minority high school students along the I-95 corridor into the teaching profession by offering them, while still in high school, access to counseling, mentoring, on campus summer enrichment programs, and opportunities for dual enrollment credits at South Carolina State University for the purpose of preparing these students to major in education and to become future teachers along the I-95 corridor. South Carolina State University must utilize \$400,000 of these funds to partner with one or more institutions of higher education to establish a similar bridge program.~~