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Dear Ms. Johansson:

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9002 (b)(1), this letter is to request that the Attorney General prepare a title and summary for the Teacher Fair Pay Act using the amended language that is enclosed.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at:

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



MARC LITCHMAN

Enclosed: Amended text of the Teacher Fair Pay Act

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following circulating title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

(Here set forth the unique numeric identifier provided by the Attorney General and circulating title and summary prepared by the Attorney General. Both the Attorney General's unique numeric identifier and the circulating title and summary must also be printed across the top of each page of the petition whereon signatures are to appear.)

TO THE HONORABLE CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

We the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of _____ County, hereby propose amendments to the Education Code and the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to teachers, and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding statewide general election or as otherwise provided by law. The proposed statutory amendments read as follows:

SECTION 1. The people of State of California find and declare all of the following:

- (a) An effective teacher is the single most important factor in the education of a child. It is therefore crucial that our schools recruit and retain high-quality teachers.
- (b) The future of California's economy, today the 6th largest in the world, is built on an educated and highly skilled workforce
- (c) Over the next ten years 100,000 California teachers are expected to retire.
- (d) Rigorous national standards and higher standards for student performance have raised the demand for talented teachers, yet new teachers leave the profession at a rate six times greater than other public employees, and fifty percent faster than police officers, firefighters, and other first responders.
- (e) Annual pink slips, layoffs, and teacher pay that lags seventeen percent behind similar professions have discouraged the best and brightest from pursuing a career in teaching.
- (f) The number of college graduates preparing to become teachers has plummeted by seventy-six percent over the last decade.
- (g) Students with effective teachers are more likely to earn higher salaries, attend college, and save more for retirement, and are less likely to drop out, use drugs, join gangs, engage in criminal activity, or become teenage parents.
- (h)(1) Therefore, it is the intent of the of this measure to establish the California Achievement Trust Fund, the purposes of which are all of the following:
 - (A) To recruit and retain the most qualified individuals possible to teach in our schools, especially in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and special education.
 - (B) To supplement, not replace, existing state and local funding. It is not the intent of this measure that moneys from the California Achievement Trust Fund be used to fund school district or county office of education bureaucracy, or contribute to, or defray, the cost of existing, or future, administrative programs.
 - (C) To pay teachers salaries that are competitive with the private sector and similar public sector professions and that are commensurate with today 's teacher responsibilities and future educational demands.

SEC. 2. Section 45028.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

45028.5. (a)(1) In no case shall a full-time teacher, who has been issued a clear credential by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, be paid less than a non-leadership member of the California State Legislature. For purposes of this subdivision, the salary paid to the teacher shall not include a calculation that involves any per diem payments that may be made to a member of the California State Legislature.

(b) All revenues received pursuant to Sections 6051.9 and 6201.9 of the Revenue and Taxation Code shall be deposited into the California Achievement Trust Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury. The moneys in the fund shall only be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Department of Education for allocation to school districts and county offices of education for purposes of paying any enhanced teacher salaries required pursuant to this section.

SEC. 3. Section 6051.9 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:

6051.9. (a) In addition to the taxes imposed by Section 6051 and any other provision of this part, for the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers at the rate of two percent of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in this state on and after January 1, 2020.

(b) All revenues, less refunds, received pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the California Achievement Trust Fund, as established pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 45028.5 of the Education Code.

SEC. 4. This act may be amended to further its purposes by statute, passed in each house of the Legislature by roll call vote entered in the journal, two-thirds of the membership concurring and signed by the Governor.

SEC. 5. This act shall become operative on January 1, 2020.

SEC. 6. The provisions of this act are severable. If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.