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Gainesville, FL – Representative Yvonne Hinson (D-Gainesville) has filed [HB 127](#) and [HB 129](#) to improve upon Florida's K-12 Education System. HB 127 creates the "Teach to Lead" Program which would increase pathways and opportunities for teachers to exercise leadership statewide and in the classroom with new teachers. The bill would also expand efforts to create models that steer systemic improvements to student learning, equity, and excellence. HB 129 would increase the tax imposed under Section 1. F.S 220.11(2) from 5 ½ percent of the corporate taxpayer's net income for the taxable year to 6 ½ percent of their net income for the taxable year. The revenue raised by this tax shall be allocated and applied to the Florida Education Finance Program.

Representative Hinson offered the following statement:

"My goal is to improve student excellence and achievement, fund the 'Teach to Lead' Program, and close the gap in educational standards between Florida and other states. 'Teach to Lead' envisions a Florida in which teachers are valued as the foremost experts in instruction and, as such, are leaders in developing, informing, and implementing education policy. This would increase teacher effectiveness, which impacts learning disparities in our children. I look forward to working with my colleagues to create a stronger and more prosperous Florida by investing our resources into educating the next generation."

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