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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## HOUSE BILL NO. 88

## AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SALARIES FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

| 1 | Section 1. Amend Section 1326, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through                   |
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| 2 | and insertions as shown by underline as follows:  |
| 3 | § 1326. Salary schedule for substitute teachers.  |
| 4 | Each substitute teacher shall be paid in accordance with the following classification schedule:                               |
| 5 | Class A. — A substitute teacher who holds or is eligible to hold a valid Delaware educator license or valid                   |
| 6 | educator license from another state; or such a license that has expired shall be paid \$104 per day.                          |
| 7 | Class B. — A substitute teacher who holds a bachelor's degree or is a student currently enrolled in a Delaware                |
| 8 | institution of higher education, who has earned at least 60 credits, and is enrolled in a program that will culminate in the  |
| 9 | student becoming eligible for a teaching license in the State of Delaware shall be paid \$83 per day.                         |
| 0 | Class C. — A substitute teacher who does not meet the requirements for Class A or Class B classification but who              |
| 1 | is recommended to the Secretary of Education by the chief school officer of a Delaware school district shall be paid \$66 per |
| 2 | day.  |

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## **SYNOPSIS**

This Act allows for juniors and seniors majoring in education at a Delaware college or university to be paid \$83 per day as substitute teachers, the same rate paid to those who hold a bachelor's degree but not a teaching license. This will encourage education students to gain some field experience, while also incentivizing a larger pool of potential substitute teachers to address a growing difficulty in finding qualified, reliable substitute teachers for our schools.