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H. F. No. 366

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; continuing the certification incentive revenue through
1.3 the end of fiscal year 2019; amending Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, sections
1.4 61; 62, subdivision 15.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 61, is amended to read:

1.7 Sec. 61. CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE REVENUE.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Qualifying certificates. As soon as practicable, the commissioner of
1.9 education, in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Development Council established
1.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.665, and the P-20 education partnership operating
1.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.70, must establish the list of qualifying career and
1.12 technical certificates and post the names of those certificates on the Department of
1.13 Education's Web site. The certificates must be in fields where occupational opportunities
1.14 exist.

1.15 Subd. 2. School district participation. (a) A school board may adopt a policy authorizing
1.16 its students in grades 9 through 12, including its students enrolled in postsecondary enrollment
1.17 options courses under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, the opportunity to complete a
1.18 qualifying certificate. The certificate may be completed as part of a regularly scheduled
1.19 course.

1.20 (b) A school district may register a student for any assessment necessary to complete a
1.21 qualifying certificate and pay any associated registration fees for its students.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Incentive funding.** (a) A school district's career and technical certification aid
 2.2 equals \$500 times the district's number of students enrolled during the current fiscal year
 2.3 who have obtained one or more qualifying certificates during the current fiscal year.

2.4 (b) The statewide total certificate revenue must not exceed \$1,000,000. The commissioner
 2.5 must proportionately reduce the initial aid provided under this subdivision so that the
 2.6 statewide aid cap is not exceeded.

2.7 Subd. 4. **Reports to the legislature.** (a) The commissioner of education must report to
 2.8 the committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12
 2.9 education and higher education by February 1, 2017, on the number and types of certificates
 2.10 authorized for the 2016-2017 school year. The commissioner must also recommend whether
 2.11 the pilot program should be continued.

2.12 (b) By February 1, of 2018, 2019, and 2020, the commissioner of education must report
 2.13 to the committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12
 2.14 education and higher education about the number and types of certificates earned by
 2.15 Minnesota's students during the 2016-2017 prior school year.

2.16 Sec. 2. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 62, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

2.17 Subd. 15. **Certificate incentive funding.** (a) For the certificate incentive program:

2.18 \$ 1,000,000 2017

2.19 (b) The qualifying certificates under Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 61,
 2.20 subdivision 1, are valid for reimbursement through fiscal year 2020.

2.21 (c) This is a onetime appropriation. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2019,
 2.22 2020.

2.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.