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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Higher Education Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to higher education; increasing teacher education and compensation helps

1.3 (TEACH) scholarship and education incentives amount; appropriating money for

1.4 TEACH program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.128,

1.5 subdivisions 2, 4.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.128, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Program components.** (a) The nonprofit organization must use the grant for:

1.9 (1) tuition scholarships up to ~~\$5,000~~ \$10,000 per year for courses leading to the nationally

1.10 recognized child development associate credential or college-level courses leading to an

1.11 associate's or bachelor's degree in early childhood development and school-age care; and

1.12 (2) education incentives of a minimum of ~~\$100~~ \$250 to participants in the tuition

1.13 scholarship program if they complete a year of working in the early care and education

1.14 field.

1.15 (b) Applicants for the scholarship must be employed by a licensed early childhood or

1.16 child care program and working directly with children, a licensed family child care provider,

1.17 or an employee in a school-age program exempt from licensing under section 245A.03,

1.18 subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (12). Lower wage earners must be given priority in

1.19 awarding the tuition scholarships. Scholarship recipients must contribute at least ten percent

1.20 of the total scholarship and must be sponsored by their employers, who must ~~also~~ contribute

1.21 ~~ten~~ at least five percent of the total scholarship. Scholarship recipients who are self-employed

1.22 must contribute 20 percent of the total scholarship.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 136A.128, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 4. **Administration.** A nonprofit organization that receives a grant under this
2.3 section may use ~~five~~ eight percent of the grant amount to administer the program.

2.4 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.5 \$350,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$350,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from the
2.6 general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for teacher education
2.7 and compensation helps (TEACH) program grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.8 136A.128.