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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETIETH SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to E-12 Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; increasing funding for the paraprofessional pathway  
1.3 to teacher licensure; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are  
1.7 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
1.8 designated.

1.9 Subd. 2. Paraprofessional pathway to teacher licensure. (a) For grants to school  
1.10 districts for Grow Your Own new teacher programs:

1.11 \$ 3,000,000 ..... 2018

1.12 \$ 3,000,000 ..... 2019

1.13 (b) The grants are for a school district with more than 40 percent minority students to  
1.14 provide tuition scholarships or stipends to eligible employees for a nonconventional teacher  
1.15 residency pilot program established under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.09, subdivision  
1.16 10, paragraph (a). The program shall provide tuition scholarships or stipends to enable  
1.17 education or teaching assistants or other nonlicensed employees of a school district with  
1.18 more than 40 percent minority students who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited  
1.19 college or university and who seek an education license to participate in a Board of  
1.20 Teaching-approved nonconventional teacher residency program under Minnesota Statutes,  
1.21 section 122A.09, subdivision 10, paragraph (a). Any funds not awarded by June 1, 2019,  
1.22 may be reallocated among the remaining districts if the total cost of the program exceeds  
1.23 the original allocation.