

A bill for an act

relating to education finance; creating a grant program for targeted family outreach activities; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

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

Section 1. **[124D.235] TARGETED FAMILY OUTREACH SERVICES.**

Subdivision 1. **Grant program established.** The targeted family outreach services program is established.

Subd. 2. **Eligible schools.** A public school operated by a school district or a charter school is eligible for a grant under this section if:

(1) the school has been designated as one of the state's lowest performing schools by the commissioner of education;

(2) the poverty level of the children attending the school, as measured by the percentage of children eligible for free or reduced price meals, is more than twice the state average; or

(3) the school has rapidly changing demographics demonstrated by the growth in the percentage of students in poverty or the percentage of students of color over the last five years.

Subd. 3. **Grant amounts.** A school that qualifies for eligibility under subdivision 2 may apply by itself or as a part of a district application for a grant in the form and manner specified by the commissioner of education. The commissioner must evaluate grant applications and award grants of up to \$50,000 per year per site to each grant recipient. The commissioner must ensure that grant awards are geographically distributed across Minnesota.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Local match.** A school that receives a grant under subdivision 3 must
2.2 match that grant with at least one dollar of its own funds for every four dollars received
2.3 through the grant.

2.4 Subd. 5. **Grant uses.** A grant recipient must use its grant to contract with a provider
2.5 of targeted family outreach services to provide training for school administrators, teachers,
2.6 and other pupil support personnel. The provider of targeted family outreach services
2.7 must demonstrate that its programs show that all children have the ability to succeed in
2.8 school through activities that address the underlying issues of the whole family. Examples
2.9 include coaching parents on how to deal with challenging behavior at home or school,
2.10 building strong partnerships with other community resources, and working one-on-one in
2.11 the classroom with the student.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2011.

2.13 Sec. 2. **TARGETED FAMILY OUTREACH SERVICE GRANTS.**

2.14 \$..... in fiscal year 2012 and \$..... in fiscal year 2013 are appropriated from the
2.15 general fund to the commissioner of education for purposes of making targeted family
2.16 outreach service grants.