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H. F. No. 1917

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; modifying the distribution of aid to regional public
1.3 library systems; linking regional library basic system support aid to future increases
1.4 in the basic formula allowance; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.5 2022, section 134.355, subdivisions 1, 5, 6, 7.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.355, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. Appropriations. (a) Basic system support aid and regional library
1.9 telecommunications aid provide the appropriations for the basic regional library system.

1.10 (b) For fiscal year 2026 and later, basic system support aid equals the appropriation
1.11 amount for the previous fiscal year plus the percent increase in the basic formula allowance
1.12 under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, from the previous school year to the current school
1.13 year.

1.14 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2026 and later.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.355, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 5. Base aid distribution. Five Fifteen percent of the available aid funds shall be
1.17 paid to each system as base aid for basic system services.

1.18 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2024 and later.

1.19 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.355, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.20 Subd. 6. Adjusted net tax capacity per capita distribution. Twenty-five Fifteen percent
1.21 of the available aid funds shall be distributed to regional public library systems based upon

2.1 the adjusted net tax capacity per capita for each member county or participating portion of
 2.2 a county as calculated for the ~~second~~ third year preceding the fiscal year for which aid is
 2.3 provided. Each system's entitlement shall be calculated as follows:

2.4 ~~(a)~~ (1) multiply the adjusted net tax capacity per capita for each county or participating
 2.5 portion of a county by .0082;

2.6 ~~(b)~~ (2) add sufficient aid funds that are available under this subdivision to raise the
 2.7 amount of the county or participating portion of a county with the lowest value calculated
 2.8 according to ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1) to the amount of the county or participating portion
 2.9 of a county with the next highest value calculated according to ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1).
 2.10 Multiply the amount of the additional aid funds by the population of the county or
 2.11 participating portion of a county;

2.12 ~~(c)~~ (3) continue the process described in ~~paragraph (b)~~ clause (2) by adding sufficient
 2.13 aid funds that are available under this subdivision to the amount of a county or participating
 2.14 portion of a county with the next highest value calculated in ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1) to raise
 2.15 it and the amount of counties and participating portions of counties with lower values
 2.16 calculated in ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1) up to the amount of the county or participating portion
 2.17 of a county with the next highest value, until reaching an amount where funds available
 2.18 under this subdivision are no longer sufficient to raise the amount of a county or participating
 2.19 portion of a county and the amount of counties and participating portions of counties with
 2.20 lower values up to the amount of the next highest county or participating portion of a county;
 2.21 and

2.22 ~~(d)~~ (4) if the point is reached using the process in ~~paragraphs (b) and (c)~~ clauses (2) and
 2.23 (3) at which the remaining aid funds under this subdivision are not adequate for raising the
 2.24 amount of a county or participating portion of a county and all counties and participating
 2.25 portions of counties with amounts of lower value to the amount of the county or participating
 2.26 portion of a county with the next highest value, those funds are to be divided on a per capita
 2.27 basis for all counties or participating portions of counties that received aid funds under the
 2.28 calculation in ~~paragraphs (b) and (c)~~ clauses (2) and (3).

2.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2024 and later.

2.30 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.355, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.31 Subd. 7. **Population determination.** A regional public library system's population shall
 2.32 be determined according to must be calculated using the most recent estimate available

3.1 under section 477A.011, subdivision 3, at the time the aid amounts are calculated, which
3.2 must be by April 1 in the year the calculation is made.

3.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2024 and later.

3.4 Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

3.5 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
3.6 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
3.7 designated.

3.8 Subd. 2. **Licensed library media specialists.** (a) For aid to multicounty, multitype
3.9 library systems to increase the number of licensed library media specialists:

3.10 \$ 1,000,000 2024

3.11 \$ 0 2025

3.12 (b) This is a onetime appropriation.

3.13 Subd. 3. **Multicounty, multitype library systems.** (a) For aid under Minnesota Statutes,
3.14 sections 134.353 and 134.354, to multicounty, multitype library systems:

3.15 \$ 2,000,000 2024

3.16 \$ 2,000,000 2025

3.17 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$130,000 for 2023 and \$1,870,000 for 2024.

3.18 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$207,000 for 2024 and \$1,793,000 for 2025.

3.19 Subd. 4. **Regional library basic system support.** (a) For regional library basic system
3.20 support aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355:

3.21 \$ 17,570,000 2024

3.22 \$ 17,570,000 2025

3.23 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$1,357,000 for 2023 and \$16,213,000 for 2024.

3.24 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$1,801,000 for 2024 and \$15,769,000 for 2025.