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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; modifying alternative teacher preparation program grant
1.3 eligibility; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section
1.4 136A.1276, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 136A.1276, subdivision 2, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Establishment; eligibility.** (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the
1.9 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, must establish and administer a
1.10 program annually awarding grants to eligible alternative teacher preparation programs
1.11 consistent with this section.

1.12 (b) To be eligible to receive a grant, an alternative teacher preparation program must
1.13 certify that it:

1.14 (1) is working to fill Minnesota's teacher shortage areas; and

1.15 (2) is a school district, charter school, or nonprofit corporation organized under chapter
1.16 317A or under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for an
1.17 education-related purpose that has been operating continuously for at least three years in
1.18 Minnesota or any other state.

1.19 (c) The commissioner must give priority to applicants based in Minnesota when awarding
1.20 grants under this section.

1.21 (d) The commissioner may award a grant to an alternative teacher preparation program
1.22 that has previously received a grant under this section.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

2.2 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.3 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
2.4 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal years
2.5 designated.

2.6 Subd. 2. **Alternative teacher preparation grant program.** (a) For transfer to the
2.7 commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for alternative teacher preparation program
2.8 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1276:

2.9 \$ 1,000,000 2020

2.10 \$ 0 2021

2.11 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

2.12 (c) The commissioner may use no more than three percent of this appropriation to
2.13 administer the program under this subdivision.

2.14 (d) A grant recipient must submit a report to the commissioner and Professional Educator
2.15 Licensing and Standards Board by January 31, 2020, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes,
2.16 section 136A.1276, subdivision 4.

2.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.