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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2911

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; establishing the Minnesota tutoring corps;
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 124D.

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

1.6 Section 1. 124D.421 MINNESOTA TUTORING CORPS.

1.7 (a) By September 1, 2022, the commissioner of education must establish a Minnesota
1.8 tutoring corps program to provide additional instructional support to elementary, middle,
1.9 and high school students who have experienced learning loss as a result of the COVID-19
1.10 pandemic. The program must offer instructional support in all required subject areas under
1.11 section 120B.021, subdivision 1.

1.12 (b) A tutor must be:

1.13 (1) enrolled in a course under section 124D.09, subdivision 10, paragraph (b);

1.14 (2) enrolled in a bachelor's degree program related to education; or

1.15 (3) a graduate within the last three years of a board-approved teacher preparation program
1.16 under section 122A.092.

1.17 To the extent funds are available, the commissioner may provide stipends to tutors.

1.18 (c) The commissioner may partner with an organization or an approved teacher
1.19 preparation program to implement the program.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.1 Sec. 2. **FEDERAL FUNDS REPLACEMENT; APPROPRIATION.**

2.2 Subdivision 1. **Suspension of statutory appropriation.** The appropriation in Minnesota
2.3 Statutes, section 4.07, subdivision 3, does not apply to any federal funds for COVID-19
2.4 from the Education Stabilization Fund received by the state of Minnesota between December
2.5 26, 2020, and June 30, 2023, for which a general fund appropriation or transfer in this act
2.6 is an eligible expenditure. Federal funding for which this section applies shall not be used
2.7 for any other purpose.

2.8 Subd. 2. **Cancellation.** If the state of Minnesota receives federal funds for COVID-19
2.9 from the Education Stabilization Fund between December 26, 2020, and June 30, 2023, for
2.10 which any general fund appropriation or transfer enacted in this act is an eligible expenditure,
2.11 the commissioner must cancel the general fund appropriation or transfer in this act in an
2.12 amount up to, but not greater than, the amount appropriated or transferred in this act. The
2.13 commissioner may designate a portion of an appropriation or transfer for cancellation if the
2.14 federal funds are not sufficient to replace the entire general fund appropriation or transfer.

2.15 Subd. 3. **Appropriation and transfer.** Each amount canceled under subdivision 2 is
2.16 appropriated from the federal fund for the original purposes of the general fund appropriation
2.17 or transfer in this act. Any appropriation and transfer under this subdivision is a onetime
2.18 appropriation or transfer.

2.19 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** This section does not apply to federal funds after the general fund
2.20 appropriations in this act have been canceled and federal funds have been appropriated for
2.21 the same purpose.

2.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.23 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.24 Subdivision 1. **Department of education.** The sums indicated in this section are
2.25 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal years
2.26 designated.

2.27 Subd. 2. **Minnesota tutoring corps stipends.** (a) For providing stipends to the tutoring
2.28 corps under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.421:

2.29 § 2022

2.30 (b) The base for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 is \$..... The base for fiscal year 2025 is
2.31 \$0.

- 3.1 (c) The department may retain up to three percent of the appropriation amount in each
- 3.2 year to monitor and administer the program.
- 3.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.