

CHAPTER 15—S.F.No. 149

An act relating to education; authorizing the Minneapolis school district to pay health insurance premium subsidies more often than annually; amending Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 275.125, subdivision 6h.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1988, section 275.125, subdivision 6h, is amended to read:

Subd. 6h. **MINNEAPOLIS HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY LEVY.** Each year special school district No. 1, Minneapolis, may make an additional levy not to exceed the amount raised by .1 mill times the adjusted gross tax capacity of the property in the district for the preceding year. ~~In addition, in 1987 the district may levy an amount not to exceed the amount raised by .1 mill times the adjusted gross tax capacity of the property in the district for the preceding year for health insurance subsidies for fiscal year 1988.~~ The proceeds may be used only to subsidize health insurance costs for eligible teachers as provided in this section.

"Eligible teacher" means a retired teacher who was a basic member of the Minneapolis teachers retirement fund association, who retired before May 1, 1974, and who is not eligible to receive the hospital insurance benefits of the federal Medicare program of the Social Security Act without payment of a monthly premium. The district shall notify eligible teachers that a subsidy is available. To obtain a subsidy, an eligible teacher may must submit to the school district a copy of receipts for health insurance premiums paid during the previous 12-month period. The school district shall disburse the health insurance premium subsidy to each eligible teacher ~~in a timely and efficient manner~~ according to a schedule determined by the district, but at least annually. An eligible teacher may receive a subsidy up to an amount equal to the lesser of 90 percent of the cost of the eligible teacher's health insurance or up to 90 percent of the cost of the number two qualified plan of health coverage for individual policies made available by the Minnesota comprehensive health association under chapter 62E.

If funds remaining from the previous year's health insurance subsidy levy, minus the previous year's required subsidy amount, are sufficient to pay the estimated current year subsidy, the levy must be discontinued until the remaining funds are estimated by the school board to be insufficient to pay the subsidy.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor March 29, 1989

Signed by the governor March 29, 1989, 9:18 a.m.

New language is indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.