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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; allowing school boards to allocate staff development
1.3 revenue; amending Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 122A.61,
1.4 subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 122A.61, subdivision 1,
1.7 is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Staff development revenue.** (a) A district is required to reserve
1.9 an amount equal to at least two percent of the basic revenue under section 126C.10,
1.10 subdivision 2, for in-service education for programs under section 120B.22, subdivision 2,
1.11 for staff development plans, including plans for challenging instructional activities and
1.12 experiences under section 122A.60, and for curriculum development and programs, other
1.13 in-service education, teachers' evaluation, teachers' workshops, teacher conferences, the
1.14 cost of substitute teachers staff development purposes, preservice and in-service education
1.15 for special education professionals and paraprofessionals, and other related costs for
1.16 staff development efforts. A district may annually waive the requirement to reserve their
1.17 basic revenue under this section if a majority vote of the licensed teachers in the district
1.18 and a majority vote of the school board agree to a resolution to waive the requirement.
1.19 A district in statutory operating debt is exempt from reserving basic revenue according
1.20 to this section. Districts may expend an additional amount of unreserved revenue for
1.21 staff development based on their needs.

1.22 (b) Staff development revenue under this subdivision is allocated as described in
1.23 paragraphs (c) to (f).

2.1 (c) The board must initially allocate 50 percent of the reserved revenue to each school
2.2 site in the district on a per-teacher basis, which must be retained by the school site until used.

2.3 (d) The board may retain 25 percent to be used for districtwide staff development
2.4 efforts.

2.5 (e) The remaining 25 percent of the revenue must be used to make grants to school
2.6 sites for best practices methods. A grant may be used for any purpose authorized under
2.7 section 120B.22, subdivision 2, 122A.60, or for the costs of curriculum development
2.8 and programs, other in-service education, teachers' workshops, teacher conferences,
2.9 substitute teachers for staff development purposes, and other staff development efforts, as
2.10 determined by the site professional development team. The site professional development
2.11 team must demonstrate to the school board the extent to which staff at the site have met
2.12 the outcomes of the program.

2.13 (f) The board may withhold a portion of initial allocation of revenue if the staff
2.14 development outcomes are not being met.

2.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2015 and later.