

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FIRST SESSION

S.F. No. 3517

(SENATE AUTHORS: NELSON, Tomassoni, Dahms and Wiger)

DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/24/2020	4884	Introduction and first reading Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education; modifying the calculation of aid to regional public library

1.3 systems; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 134.355, subdivisions 6, 7,

1.4 8.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 134.355, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 6. **Adjusted net tax capacity per capita distribution.** Twenty-five percent of

1.8 the available aid funds shall be distributed to regional public library systems based upon

1.9 the adjusted net tax capacity per capita for each member county or participating portion of

1.10 a county as calculated for the ~~second~~ third year preceding the fiscal year for which aid is

1.11 provided. Each system's entitlement shall be calculated as follows:

1.12 ~~(a)~~ (1) multiply the adjusted net tax capacity per capita for each county or participating

1.13 portion of a county by .0082-;

1.14 ~~(b)~~ (2) add sufficient aid funds that are available under this subdivision to raise the

1.15 amount of the county or participating portion of a county with the lowest value calculated

1.16 according to ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1) to the amount of the county or participating portion

1.17 of a county with the next highest value calculated according to ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1).

1.18 Multiply the amount of the additional aid funds by the population of the county or

1.19 participating portion of a county-;

1.20 ~~(c)~~ (3) continue the process described in ~~paragraph (b)~~ clause (2) by adding sufficient

1.21 aid funds that are available under this subdivision to the amount of a county or participating

1.22 portion of a county with the next highest value calculated in ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1) to raise

1.23 it and the amount of counties and participating portions of counties with lower values

2.1 calculated in ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1) up to the amount of the county or participating portion
 2.2 of a county with the next highest value, until reaching an amount where funds available
 2.3 under this subdivision are no longer sufficient to raise the amount of a county or participating
 2.4 portion of a county and the amount of counties and participating portions of counties with
 2.5 lower values up to the amount of the next highest county or participating portion of a county;
 2.6 and

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

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2021 and
 2.15 later.

2.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 134.355, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.17 Subd. 7. **Population determination.** A regional public library system's population shall
 2.18 be determined according to must be calculated by April 1 using the most recent estimate
 2.19 available under section 477A.011, subdivision 3, at the time the aid amounts are calculated.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2021 and
 2.21 later.

2.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 134.355, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

2.23 Subd. 8. **Eligibility.** (a) A regional public library system may apply for regional library
 2.24 telecommunications aid on behalf of itself and member public libraries.

2.25 (b) The aid must be used for connections and other eligible non-voice-related e-rate
 2.26 program category one services. Aid may be used for e-rate program category two services
 2.27 as identified in the Federal Communication Commission's eligible services list for the current
 2.28 and preceding four funding years, if sufficient funds remain once category one needs are
 2.29 met in each funding year. If sufficient funds remain after meeting category one and category
 2.30 two needs in each funding year, aid may be used for other regional public library technology,
 2.31 network infrastructure, security, and telecommunications services including nonphone

3.1 telecommunication services for remote self-service pickup locations for library materials
3.2 on nonlibrary property.

3.3 (c) To be eligible, a regional public library system must be officially designated by the
3.4 commissioner of education as a regional public library system as defined in section 134.34,
3.5 subdivision 3, and each of its participating cities and counties must meet local support levels
3.6 defined in section 134.34, subdivision 1. A public library building that receives aid under
3.7 this section must be open a minimum of 20 hours per week. Exceptions to the minimum
3.8 open hours requirement may be granted by the Department of Education on request of the
3.9 regional public library system for the following circumstances: short-term closing for
3.10 emergency maintenance and repairs following a natural disaster; in response to exceptional
3.11 economic circumstances; building repair or maintenance that requires public services areas
3.12 to be closed; or to adjust hours of public service to respond to documented seasonal use
3.13 patterns.

3.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2021 and
3.15 later.