

SENATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/19/2015	362	Introduction and first reading Referred to Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development
03/04/2015	545a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Education
03/12/2015	770	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Finance

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A bill for an act
relating to education finance; establishing an agricultural educator grant program;
appropriating money.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. **AGRICULTURAL EDUCATOR GRANTS.**

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Subdivision 1. **Grant program established.** A grant program is established to
support school districts in paying agricultural education teachers for work over the
summer with high school students in extended projects.

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Subd. 2. **Application.** The commissioner of education shall develop the form and
method for applying for the grants. The commissioner shall develop criteria for determining
the allocation of the grants, including appropriate goals for the use of the grants.

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Subd. 3. **Grant awards.** Grant funding under this section must be matched
by funding from the school district for the agricultural education teacher's summer
employment. Grant funding for each teacher is limited to the one-half share of 40 working
days.

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Subd. 4. **Reports.** School districts that receive grant funds shall report to the
commissioner of education no later than December 31 of each year regarding the number
of teachers funded by the grant program and the outcomes compared to the goals
established in the grant application. The Department of Education shall develop the
criteria necessary for the reports.

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Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

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Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are

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appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years

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designated.

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Subd. 2. **Agricultural educator grants.** For agricultural educator grants under

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section 1:

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Any balance in the first year does not cancel, but is available in the second year.