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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 finance; modifying adult basic education supplemental  
1.3 service grants; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section  
1.4 124D.522.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 124D.522, is amended to read:

1.7 **124D.522 ADULT BASIC EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE**  
1.8 **GRANTS.**

1.9 (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the policy review task force under  
1.10 section 124D.521, may make grants to nonprofit organizations to provide services that are  
1.11 not offered by a district adult basic education program or that are supplemental to either  
1.12 the statewide adult basic education program, or a district's adult basic education program.  
1.13 The commissioner may make grants for: staff development for adult basic education  
1.14 teachers and administrators; training for volunteer tutors; training, services, and materials  
1.15 for serving disabled students through adult basic education programs; statewide promotion  
1.16 of adult basic education services and programs; development and dissemination of  
1.17 instructional and administrative technology for adult basic education programs; programs  
1.18 which primarily serve communities of color; adult basic education distance learning  
1.19 projects, including television instruction programs; initiatives to accelerate English  
1.20 language acquisition and the achievement of career and college ready skills among  
1.21 English learners; and other supplemental services to support the mission of adult basic  
1.22 education and innovative delivery of adult basic education services.

1.23 (b) The commissioner must establish eligibility criteria and grant application  
1.24 procedures. Grants under this section must support services throughout the state, focus

2.1 on educational results for adult learners, and promote outcome-based achievement  
2.2 through adult basic education programs. Beginning in fiscal year 2002, the commissioner  
2.3 may make grants under this section from the state total adult basic education aid set  
2.4 aside for supplemental service grants under section 124D.531. Up to one-fourth of the  
2.5 appropriation for supplemental service grants must be used for grants for adult basic  
2.6 education programs to encourage and support innovations in adult basic education  
2.7 instruction and service delivery. A grant to a single organization cannot exceed 40 percent  
2.8 of the total supplemental services aid. Nothing in this section prevents an approved adult  
2.9 basic education program from using state or federal aid to purchase supplemental services.

2.10 (c) The commissioner shall award one supplemental services grant of no more  
2.11 than \$75,000 to an adult basic education consortium for the development of a healthcare  
2.12 occupations contextualized online reading curriculum to increase reading fluency and  
2.13 comprehension for persons who are:

2.14 (1) eligible for adult basic education services under section 124D.52;

2.15 (2) assessed at level C on the CASAS standardized test for literacy skills or a

2.16 verifiable equivalent skill level on a standardized adult literacy assessment instrument; and

2.17 (3) pursuing a realistic goal to enter the healthcare workforce.

2.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (c) is effective from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017.