122A.4155 ALTERNATIVE COMPENSATION RURAL DISTRICT APPLICATION ASSISTANCE.

Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** School districts located in greater Minnesota that submit a letter of intent and begin the transitional planning year, under section 122A.414, subdivision 1a, are eligible for alternative compensation application assistance. For the purposes of this section, an eligible school district is any school district located in the rural equity region under section 126C.10, subdivision 28.

Subd. 2. **Multidistrict technical assistance.** The department shall provide technical assistance in the form of, but not limited to, networking, training, and professional development to a rural district or groups of rural districts in developing applications for the alternative compensation program.

Subd. 3. **Model plans.** The department shall develop and disseminate alternative compensation model plans based on the unique needs and characteristics of rural districts.

Subd. 4. **Multidistrict consortia.** The department may promote the development of multidistrict consortia to optimize opportunities for rural districts to participate in and implement alternative compensation programs. A multidistrict consortium shall develop and implement a collaborative alternative compensation plan that includes the program components outlined in section 122A.414, subdivision 2. A multidistrict consortium shall provide opportunities to share best practices, professional development training and expertise, training of teacher observers, or the purchase of programmatic resources.

History: *2009 c 96 art 2 s 27*