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NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Higher Education

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; increasing the maximum stipend award for
1.3 underrepresented student teacher grants; appropriating money; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2022, section 136A.1274, subdivision 3; Laws 2023, chapter 41, article
1.5 1, section 2, subdivision 26.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 136A.1274, subdivision 3, is amended to
1.8 read:

1.9 Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) The commissioner must establish an application process
1.10 and other guidelines for implementing this program. The commissioner must notify grant
1.11 recipients of their award amounts by the following dates:

1.12 (1) for fall student teaching placements, recipients must be notified by August 15;

1.13 (2) for spring student teaching placements, recipients must be notified by December 1;

1.14 and

1.15 (3) for summer student teaching placements, recipients must be notified by May 1.

1.16 These notification deadlines do not apply in cases where grants are awarded to student
1.17 teachers who applied after application deadlines and funds remained after the initial round
1.18 of grants were awarded.

1.19 (b) The commissioner must determine each academic year the stipend amount up to
1.20 ~~\$7,500~~ \$15,000 based on the amount of available funding, the number of eligible applicants,
1.21 and the financial need of the applicants.

2.1 (c) The commissioner must give equal consideration to all eligible applicants regardless
 2.2 of the order the application was received before the application deadline.

2.3 (d) If there are insufficient funds to provide an award to all eligible applicants, the
 2.4 commissioner shall prioritize the awards to eligible applicants based on:

2.5 (1) the financial need of an applicant; and

2.6 (2) the statewide distribution of funds.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective beginning in fiscal year 2025.

2.8 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 41, article 1, section 2, subdivision 26, is amended to read:

2.9	Subd. 26. Grants to Underrepresented Student		1,925,000
2.10	Teachers	1,925,000	<u>2,925,000</u>

2.11 For grants to underrepresented student teachers
 2.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1274.

2.13 The commissioner may use no more than three
 2.14 percent of the appropriation for administration
 2.15 of the program. The base for this appropriation
 2.16 is \$1,125,000 for fiscal year 2026 and
 2.17 thereafter.