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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/06/2017	512	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Policy
02/16/2017		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to E-12 Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; establishing an agricultural educator grant program;
1.3 appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **AGRICULTURAL EDUCATOR GRANTS.**

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

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

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

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

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.2 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
2.3 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
2.4 designated.

2.5 Subd. 2. Agricultural educator grants. For agricultural educator grants under section
2.6 1:

2.7 \$ 500,000 2018

2.8 \$ 500,000 2019

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