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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; providing for professional development to improve reading  
1.3 instruction; allowing for hiring bonuses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018,  
1.4 sections 122A.61, by adding a subdivision; 123B.02, by adding a subdivision;  
1.5 124D.98, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.6 Statutes, chapter 122A.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 122A.61, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.9 to read:

1.10 Subd. 4. **Reading preparation.** A school district may use the revenue reserved under  
1.11 subdivision 1 for grants to teachers to take courses from accredited providers. The providers  
1.12 must be a Wilson Language Training accredited partner, accredited by the International  
1.13 Multisensory Structured Language Education Council, or an Academy of Orton-Gillingham  
1.14 Practitioners and Educators accredited training program.

1.15 Sec. 2. **[122A.615] READING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BY**  
1.16 **ACCREDITED PROVIDERS.**

1.17 A school district in the bottom quarter of all school districts in the state in student  
1.18 performance on the grade 3 reading Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment must grant an  
1.19 elementary teacher's request for reimbursement for successfully completing training provided  
1.20 by a Wilson Language Training accredited partner, an International Multisensory Structured  
1.21 Language Education Council accredited provider, or an Academy of Orton-Gillingham  
1.22 Practitioners and Educators accredited training program. The school district may use literacy

2.1 incentive aid under section 124D.98, or the reserved revenue for staff development under  
2.2 section 122A.61, or other district resources to reimburse the teacher.

2.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 123B.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.4 read:

2.5 Subd. 14b. **Hiring bonuses.** The board may give a hiring bonus to a teacher licensed in  
2.6 or working in a shortage area as defined in section 122A.06, subdivision 6. For the purposes  
2.7 of hiring bonuses under this subdivision only, a teacher trained by a Wilson Language  
2.8 Training accredited partner, an International Multisensory Structured Language Education  
2.9 Council accredited provider, or an Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators  
2.10 accredited training program is a teacher licensed in or working in a shortage area.

2.11 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.98, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.12 read:

2.13 Subd. 4. **Allowed use.** A school may use literacy incentive aid received under this section  
2.14 for staff development by accredited providers or any other school-related purpose. The  
2.15 providers must be a Wilson Language Training accredited partner, accredited by the  
2.16 International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council, or an Academy of  
2.17 Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators accredited training program.