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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to early childhood education; modifying adult basic education aid;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 124D.522; 124D.55; Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 124D.531, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, 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  
1.11 are not offered by a district adult basic education program or that are supplemental to  
1.12 either the statewide adult basic education program, or a district's adult basic education  
1.13 program. The commissioner may make grants for: staff development for adult basic  
1.14 education teachers and administrators; training for volunteer tutors; training, services, and  
1.15 materials for serving disabled students through adult basic education programs; statewide  
1.16 promotion of adult basic education services and programs; development and dissemination  
1.17 of instructional and administrative technology for adult basic education programs;  
1.18 programs which primarily serve communities of color; adult basic education distance  
1.19 learning projects, including television instruction programs; and other supplemental  
1.20 services to support the mission of adult basic education and innovative delivery of adult  
1.21 basic education services.

1.22 (b) The commissioner must establish eligibility criteria and grant application  
1.23 procedures. Grants under this section must support services throughout the state, focus on  
1.24 educational results for adult learners, and promote outcome-based achievement through

2.1 adult basic education programs. Beginning in fiscal year 2002, the commissioner may  
 2.2 make grants under this section from the state total adult basic education aid set aside for  
 2.3 supplemental service grants under section 124D.531. Up to one-fourth of the appropriation  
 2.4 for supplemental service grants must be used for grants for adult basic education programs  
 2.5 to encourage and support innovations in adult basic education instruction and service  
 2.6 delivery. A grant to a single organization cannot exceed ~~\$100,000~~ 25 percent of the total  
 2.7 supplemental services aid. Nothing in this section prevents an approved adult basic  
 2.8 education program from using state or federal aid to purchase supplemental services.

2.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 124D.531, subdivision 1, is  
 2.10 amended to read:

2.11 Subdivision 1. **State total adult basic education aid.** (a) The state total adult basic  
 2.12 education aid for fiscal year 2005 is \$36,509,000. The state total adult basic education  
 2.13 aid for fiscal year 2006 equals \$36,587,000 plus any amount that is not paid for during  
 2.14 the previous fiscal year, as a result of adjustments under subdivision 4, paragraph (a), or  
 2.15 section 124D.52, subdivision 3. The state total adult basic education aid for fiscal year  
 2.16 2007 equals \$37,673,000 plus any amount that is not paid for during the previous fiscal  
 2.17 year, as a result of adjustments under subdivision 4, paragraph (a), or section 124D.52,  
 2.18 subdivision 3. The state total adult basic education aid for fiscal year 2008 equals  
 2.19 \$40,650,000, plus any amount that is not paid during the previous fiscal year as a result of  
 2.20 adjustments under subdivision 4, paragraph (a), or section 124D.52, subdivision 3. The  
 2.21 state total adult basic education aid for later fiscal years equals:

2.22 (1) the state total adult basic education aid for the preceding fiscal year plus any  
 2.23 amount that is not paid for during the previous fiscal year, as a result of adjustments under  
 2.24 subdivision 4, paragraph (a), or section 124D.52, subdivision 3; times

2.25 (2) the lesser of:

2.26 (i) 1.03; or

2.27 (ii) ~~the greater of 1.00 or the ratio of the state total contact hours in the first prior~~  
 2.28 ~~program year to the state total contact hours in the second prior program year~~ the average  
 2.29 growth in state total contact hours over the prior 10 program years.

2.30 Beginning in fiscal year 2002, two percent of the state total adult basic education  
 2.31 aid must be set aside for adult basic education supplemental service grants under section  
 2.32 124D.522.

2.33 (b) The state total adult basic education aid, excluding basic population aid, equals  
 2.34 the difference between the amount computed in paragraph (a), and the state total basic  
 2.35 population aid under subdivision 2.

3.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 124D.55, is amended to read:

3.2 **124D.55 GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) TEST FEES.**

3.3 The commissioner shall pay 60 percent of the fee that is charged to an eligible  
3.4 individual for the full battery of a general education development (GED) test, but not  
3.5 more than ~~\$20~~ \$40 for an eligible individual.