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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; supporting new and existing K-12 world languages  
1.3 programs; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes, chapter 124D.

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

1.6 Section 1. [124D.971] WORLD LANGUAGES PROGRAMS AND AID.

1.7 (a) A qualifying school district or school site's world language aid equals \$50 times  
1.8 the number of pupils enrolled in the school site or district on October 1 of the previous  
1.9 school year.

1.10 (b) Interested school sites and school districts must apply to the commissioner in the  
1.11 form and manner the commissioner determines. The applicant must indicate whether the  
1.12 applicant intends to develop and implement a new world languages program or expand  
1.13 an existing world languages program by offering a more intensive program or making  
1.14 an existing program accessible to more students. An applicant must agree to disseminate  
1.15 information about the applicant's world languages program to interested school sites,  
1.16 school districts, parents, and others as a condition of receiving aid under this section.

1.17 (c) The commissioner may select applicants that meet the requirements in paragraph  
1.18 (b). To the extent feasible, the commissioner must select qualified applicants on an  
1.19 equitable geographic basis and at least five qualified and selected applicants must intend to  
1.20 develop and implement a new Mandarin Chinese program or expand an existing Mandarin  
1.21 Chinese program. School sites and school districts that receive aid must expend the aid  
1.22 consistent with the content of their application and the terms of this section.

1.23 (d) The commissioner must provide for an evaluation of fund recipients to identify  
1.24 exemplary world languages program models and the staff development needs of world

2.1 languages teachers and annually report the findings of the evaluation to the education  
2.2 policy and finance committees of the legislature by February 15.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2008-2009 school year and  
2.4 later.

2.5 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.6 \$5,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2009 from the general fund to the  
2.7 commissioner of education for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.971.