

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 844, the delete everything amendment
1.2 (A15-0458), as follows:

1.3 Page 153, after line 4, insert:

1.4 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 134.355, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

1.5 Subd. 8. **Eligibility.** A regional public library system may apply for regional library
1.6 telecommunications aid. ~~The aid must be used for data and video access maintenance,~~
1.7 ~~equipment, or installation of telecommunication lines.~~ on behalf of itself and member
1.8 public libraries. The aid must be used for connections and other eligible nonvoice related
1.9 e-rate program category one services. Aid may be used for e-rate program category two
1.10 services as identified in the Federal Communication Commission's eligible services list
1.11 for the current and preceding four funding years, if sufficient funds remain once category
1.12 one needs are met in each funding year. To be eligible, a regional public library system
1.13 must be officially designated by the commissioner of education as a regional public library
1.14 system as defined in section 134.34, subdivision 3, and each of its participating cities and
1.15 counties must meet local support levels defined in section 134.34, subdivision 1. A public
1.16 library building that receives aid under this section must be open a minimum of 20 hours
1.17 per week. Exceptions to the minimum open hours requirement may be granted by the
1.18 Department of Education on request of the regional public library system for the following
1.19 circumstances: short-term closing for emergency maintenance and repairs following a
1.20 natural disaster; in response to exceptional economic circumstances; building repair or
1.21 maintenance that requires public services areas to be closed; or to adjust hours of public
1.22 service to respond to documented seasonal use patterns.

1.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 134.355, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

1.24 Subd. 9. **Telecommunications aid.** An application for regional library
1.25 telecommunications aid must, at a minimum, contain information to document the
1.26 following:

2.1 (1) the connections are adequate and employ an open network architecture that
2.2 will ensure interconnectivity and interoperability with school districts, postsecondary
2.3 education, or other governmental agencies;

2.4 (2) that the connection is established through the most cost-effective means and that
2.5 the regional library has explored and coordinated connections through school districts,
2.6 postsecondary education, or other governmental agencies;

2.7 (3) that the regional library system ~~has~~ and member libraries included in the
2.8 application have filed or are included in an e-rate application; and

2.9 (4) other information, as determined by the commissioner of education, to ensure
2.10 that connections are coordinated, efficient, and cost-effective, take advantage of discounts,
2.11 and meet applicable state standards.

2.12 The library system may include costs associated with cooperative arrangements with
2.13 postsecondary institutions, school districts, and other governmental agencies.

2.14 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 134.355, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

2.15 Subd. 10. **Award of funds.** The commissioner of education shall develop an
2.16 application and a reporting form and procedures for regional library telecommunications
2.17 aid. Aid shall be based on actual costs of, including but not limited to, connections, as
2.18 documented in e-rate funding commitment decision letters for category one services and
2.19 acceptable documentation for category two services and funds available for this purpose.

2.20 The commissioner shall make payments directly to the regional public library system."

2.21 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.22 Amend the title accordingly