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Overview

For the last few years, Minnesota has provided state aid to promise neighborhoods and achievement zones. In 2017, the funding was consolidated into a single program and codified in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.99, as the Education Partnerships Coalition Fund. This program supports a coalition of coordinated, education partnerships providing a network of evidence-based support services. The programs are designed to close opportunity gaps by improving educational and developmental outcomes of children and their families.

The 2017 legislature funded the Northside Achievement Zone in Minneapolis and the St. Paul Promise Neighborhood at \$1.3 million per year, and provided \$160,000 each year for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to the Northfield Healthy Community Initiative, the Jones Family Foundation for the Every Hand Joined program in Red Wing, and the United Way of Central Minnesota for the Partners for Student Success program.

HF 1708 adds \$160,000 in fiscal year 2019 and \$80,000 for each subsequent year for the Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota.

Section

- 1 Appropriation; Promise Neighborhood Central Minnesota.** Appropriates \$160,000 in fiscal year 2019 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for a grant to the Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota to support student academic success outside of the regular school day.