

Subject Intermediate School Districts; Teacher Apprenticeship Programs

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Overview

Minnesota has four intermediate school districts. These organizations are statutory joint powers associations formed and controlled by boards appointed by their member school districts. While providing a variety of services, one of the primary missions of the Intermediate School Districts is to provide special education services to students with significant needs.

In recent years, the United States Departments of Labor and Education have created a mechanism for registered teacher apprenticeship programs. The Minnesota Departments of Labor and Industry and Education have worked together to implement a teacher residency/apprenticeship framework in Minnesota to help expand Minnesota's teaching workforce.

H.F. 3998 provides a onetime grant of \$1,030,000 to the four intermediate school districts for their teacher residency program offered in partnership with Minnesota State University, Mankato. The partnership expects to enroll its first cohort of paraprofessionals in the program during the summer of 2024 to help the participants become fully licensed teachers in the special education areas of emotional behavioral (EBD) and autism spectrum (ASD) services.

Summary

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| 1 | Appropriations; intermediate school districts teacher apprenticeship programs
Appropriates \$1,030,000 from the general fund to the Department of Education for grants of \$250,000 to each of the four intermediate school districts. Requires the grants to be used to support the districts' participation in registered apprenticeship programs. Makes the onetime grants available until June 30, 2027. |
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