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Overview

In Minnesota, ServeMinnesota is the statutorily designated recipient of federal Americorps funds. Americorps programs are generally designed to provide the participant with skills and training while creating an opportunity for the participant to perform tasks that benefit the community.

The Minnesota Reading Corps, the largest ServeMinnesota program, is a statewide initiative to help every Minnesota child become a successful reader by the end of third grade. The program places Minnesota Reading Corps members as literacy tutors in sites across Minnesota to implement a researched-based early literacy effort to help struggling readers.

This bill increases appropriation for the Minnesota Reading Corps program from \$4.125 million to \$6.125 million beginning in fiscal year 2015.

Section

- 1 Early childhood literacy programs.** Increases the appropriation for the Minnesota Reading Corps early childhood literacy programs by \$2 million beginning in fiscal year 2015. Authorizes the Minnesota Reading Corps to use up to \$2 million in fiscal year 2015 at school sites that have designated priority and focus schools and for expanded kindergarten programming.