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Overview

Minnesota Reading Corps literacy tutors provide literacy training to children who range in age from three to third graders. Currently about 1,000 Minnesota Reading Corps tutors work in more than 700 school sites and early learning centers throughout Minnesota. The Minnesota Reading Corps is a program of ServeMinnesota, the statutorily designated recipient of federal AmeriCorps funds. The program combines the state grant money with federal money and provides the tutors with a living allowance, health insurance, child care if needed, and a postservice educational award which may be used for higher education costs or to repay student loans. Since 2004, ServeMinnesota programs have been encouraged to channel participants into tutoring and other children's literacy programs.

This bill appropriates \$9.175 million per year for the activities of the Minnesota Reading Corps, an increase of \$4.8 million per year over the base budget.

Section

- 1 Appropriation; Minnesota Reading Corps.** Appropriates \$9,175,000 in fiscal year 2016 and the same amount in fiscal year 2017 for the Minnesota Reading Corps.