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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Beginning in fiscal year 2013, school districts and charter schools qualify for literacy incentive aid. The aid consists of two parts, proficiency aid and growth aid, both based on 3rd and 4th grade students' performance on the state reading test called the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA).

Proficiency aid rewards schools based on the percentage of their 3rd grade students who meet or exceed proficiency levels on the reading MCA. Proficiency aid equals \$530 times the average number of 3rd grade students meeting or exceeding proficiency levels on the MCA during the past three years.

Growth aid rewards districts based on the three-year average number of 4th grade students who make medium or high growth on the 4th grade reading MCA. Growth aid equals \$530 times the average number of 4th graders making medium or high growth on the reading MCA.

This bill expands the incentive aid to include similar growth and proficiency measures for 8th grade student performance in mathematics.

### Section

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**Literacy and numeracy incentive aid.** Creates an incentive aid for 8th grade student mathematics performance. Sets the aid amounts at the same level for literacy aid, \$530 times the number of 8th graders meeting or exceeding proficiency levels, and \$530 times the number of 8th graders making medium or high growth on the mathematics MCA.