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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

ServeMinnesota is the name of a state grant program designed to work in concert with federal youth service programs and is the statutorily designated recipient of federal Americorps funds. Youth service 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 ServeMinnesota program awards grants to program providers on a competitive-grant basis. The program provider combines the state grant money with federal money and provides the participants with living expenses or a stipend, health insurance, child care if needed, and a postservice educational award of \$5,730 for the 2015-2016 school year, 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 through the Minnesota Reading Corps and the state has provided significant financial assistance for the program.

This bill increases the state appropriation for the Minnesota Reading Corps from \$6.125 million to \$11.925 million for fiscal years 2017 and later.

#### Section

- 1 Reading Corps; appropriation.** Increases the appropriation for the Minnesota Reading Corps by \$5.8 million per year for fiscal year 2017 and later.

