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Overview

The 2016 Legislature provided a onetime grant of \$385,000 to Southwest State University for the university to increase the supply of licensed special education teachers. The 2016 law limited the program participation to special education paraprofessionals.

This bill expands the eligible program participants to include teachers without a special education license who are teaching on a variance, and persons teaching special education with a community expert license. Additionally, the bill cancels and re-appropriates a portion of the funding so that the funding can carry over into the 2018-2019 biennium.

Section

- 1 Southwest Minnesota State University special education teacher program.** Broadens the eligible program participants beyond special education paraprofessionals to include persons who are teaching special education either under a variance or as a community expert.