

Subject Certification Incentive Revenue for School Districts

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Overview

The 2016 legislature appropriated \$1,000,000 to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) for grants to reward school districts that offered career and technical programming aligned with industry certificates. The state aid was set equal to \$500 times the number of students in grades 9 to 12 who successfully completed one or more certificate.

MDE consulted with the Governor's Workforce Development Council and the P-20 education partnership to establish a list of qualifying career and technical certificates. The certificates were required to be in fields where occupational opportunities exist.

For the 2016-2017 school year, 277 certificates were awarded to students. Due to uncertainty regarding legislative intent, no districts were reimbursed in fiscal year 2018 or 2019 under the program. The unspent money appropriated for this program is expected to cancel back to the state general fund on June 30, 2019.

H.F. 366 proposes to extend the program's existing funding for one more year.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Certification incentive revenue. Clarifies that MDE may continue to award reimbursements to school districts where students have completed qualifying certificate programs. Extends the program's existing funding through the end of fiscal year 2020.
2	Appropriations. Extends the three-year appropriation for the certification incentive revenue program for one more year (through fiscal year 2020).



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