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Subject Reading corps

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Overview

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) operates within the Department of the Interior and is responsible for overseeing Indian education across the United States. Minnesota has four Tribal Contract/Grant schools operating under the authority of the BIE. The four schools are Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig (by Cass Lake), Fon du Lac Ojibwe (Cloquet), Circle of Life School (White Earth), and Nay ah Shing (Mille Lacs). The state of Minnesota provides state aid to support the roughly 700 students who attend these schools.

ServeMinnesota is Minnesota's designated recipient of federal Americorps funds and operates youth service programs. 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 receives state education funding of approximately \$8 million per year for its reading corps and math corps program which provides volunteers to the state's schools to assist with reading and math.

This bill appropriates \$416,000 per year for ServeMinnesota to support reading and math corps volunteers at the four tribal contract schools.

Summary

Section Description

1 Appropriation.

Appropriates \$416,000 each year from the general fund to the commissioner of education for grants to ServeMinnesota to support Reading and Math Corps activities at each of Minnesota's four tribal contract schools.



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