

Subject Higher Education: Teachers of Color

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Summary

This bill provides supplemental fiscal year 2023 (FY23) appropriations to two programs created by the legislature in the 2021 higher education omnibus act, both of which seek to increase the diversity of Minnesota's teacher workforce.

The underrepresented student teacher grant program would receive an additional \$1.5 million on top of the current \$1 million FY23 appropriation in the omnibus act. The base for this program, currently set at \$1.125 million per year in the omnibus act, is also increased to \$2.625 million.

The aspiring teachers of color scholarship pilot program would receive an additional \$8.5 million on top of the current \$1.5 million FY23 appropriation in the omnibus act. Mirroring the omnibus language, this supplemental appropriation is onetime and there is no base for FY24 and later, but the appropriated funds remain available for use until July 1, 2025.