

**Subject** Clarifying the School District P-TECH Grant Program

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## Overview

Minnesota has made grants to the Rochester school district for the P-TECH program since 2020. P-TECH is a type of dual enrollment program. The Rochester school district partners with IBM, the Mayo Clinic, and Rochester Community and Technical College to offer pathways in nursing and Information Technology. These programs provide high school students with the opportunity to earn both their high school diploma and a diploma in practical nursing or an Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology in four years. In addition to the dual enrollment benefits, students in the P-TECH program receive workplace experiences through internships, mentorships, and job shadowing opportunities.

The 2023 Legislature changed the P-TECH appropriation from a grant to the Rochester school district to a competitive grant process. The 2024 grant has not yet been awarded. H.F. 3722 divides the P-TECH grants into support grants, start-up grants, and mentoring and technical assistance grants. H.F. 3722 moves the distribution of the fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 appropriations from an open grant process to a specified amount for the Rochester school district for each of these two years and authorizes start-up and mentorship grants beginning in fiscal year 2025. The bill also extends the 2023 appropriation carryforward to June 30, 2027.

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| 1 | <b>Application process [P-TECH].</b><br>Modifies the existing application process to apply to implementation grants. |
| 2 | <b>Approval process [P-TECH].</b><br>Removes an obsolete reference.  |

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3	<p><b>P-TECH support, start-up, and mentoring grants.</b></p> <p>Creates P-TECH start-up and mentoring grants. Sets the maximum support grant at not more than \$500,000 per year per recipient. Allows a support grant to be awarded for not more than two years. Sets the maximum amount of the start-up grants at \$50,000 per grant. Creates a mentorship and technical assistance grant of an amount not to exceed \$50,000.</p>
4	<p><b>P-TECH schools appropriation.</b></p> <p>Amends the distribution of the P-TECH grant appropriation. Directs the full appropriation for fiscal year 2024 to the Rochester school district. Sets a minimum of \$500,000 of the fiscal year 2025 appropriation for the Rochester school district. Allows the remaining funds in fiscal year 2025 to be used to fund start-up grants and technical assistance grants.</p> <p>Extends the 2023 session appropriations until June 30, 2027. Authorizes grants to be spent over a three-year period. Sets aside 2 percent of the fiscal year 2024 appropriation for administration and 5 percent of the fiscal year 2025 appropriation for grant administration.</p>



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