

Subject Noncommercial radio grants

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Summary

This bill would modify eligibility for noncommercial radio station grants awarded by the Minnesota Department of Administration and appropriate money for a grant to the Association of Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations (AMPERS).

Under current law, stations eligible for noncommercial radio grants must employ at least two full-time radio professionals or their part-time equivalent, and agree to employ at least the same number of professionals throughout the fiscal year of the grant. H.F. 4591 would lower this number to 1.5 full-time professionals or their part-time equivalent.

H.F. 4591 would appropriate \$165,000 for a onetime grant to AMPERS to provide resources, software, training, and other assistance to help AMPERS member stations consolidate resources and expenses.