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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on K-12 Education Policy and Oversight

February 26, 2009

By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; establishing a Minnesota reading corps program;  
1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 124D.42,  
1.4 subdivision 6, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 124D.42, subdivision 6, is amended to  
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 6. **Program training.** The commission must, within available resources:

1.9 (1) orient each grantee organization in the nature, philosophy, and purpose of the  
1.10 program; and

1.11 (2) build an ethic of community service through general community service training;  
1.12 **and**

1.13 ~~(3) provide additional training as it determines necessary, which may include~~  
1.14 ~~training in evaluating early literacy skills and teaching reading to preschool children~~  
1.15 ~~through the St. Croix River Education District under Laws 2001, First Special Session~~  
1.16 ~~chapter 6, article 2, section 70, to assist local Head Start organizations in establishing and~~  
1.17 ~~evaluating Head Start programs for developing children's early literacy skills.~~

1.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 124D.42, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.20 to read:

1.21 Subd. 6a. **Minnesota reading corps program.** (a) A Minnesota reading corps  
1.22 program is established to provide Americorps members with a data-based problem-solving  
1.23 model of literacy instruction to use in helping to train local Head Start program providers,

2.1 other prekindergarten program providers, and staff in schools with students in kindergarten  
2.2 through grade 3 to evaluate and teach early literacy skills to children age 3 to grade 3.

2.3 (b) Literacy programs under this subdivision must comply with the provisions  
2.4 governing literacy program goals and data use under section 119A.50, subdivision 3,  
2.5 paragraph (b).

2.6 **Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION.**

2.7 \$1,500,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2010 and \$1,500,000 is appropriated in  
2.8 fiscal year 2011 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for the Minnesota  
2.9 reading corps program under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.42, subdivision 6a.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2009.