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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 3917

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to higher education; strengthening the Increase Teachers of Color Act;  
1.3 providing supplemental financing for grants to underrepresented student teachers  
1.4 and the aspiring teachers of color scholarship pilot program; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Grants to underrepresented student teachers. (a) \$1,500,000 in fiscal  
1.8 year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher  
1.9 Education for grants to underrepresented student teachers under Minnesota Statutes, section  
1.10 136A.1274. This appropriation is in addition to the amount appropriated in Laws 2021, First  
1.11 Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 26.

1.12 (b) The commissioner may use no more than three percent of this appropriation to  
1.13 administer the program.

1.14 (c) Notwithstanding Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2,  
1.15 subdivision 26, the base appropriation for the program is \$2,625,000 in fiscal year 2024  
1.16 and later.

1.17 Subd. 2. Aspiring teachers of color scholarship pilot program. (a) \$8,500,000 in  
1.18 fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of the Office of  
1.19 Higher Education for the aspiring teachers of color scholarship pilot program under Laws  
1.20 2021, First Special Session chapter 2, article 2, section 45. This appropriation is in addition  
1.21 to the amount appropriated in Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section  
1.22 2, subdivision 38.

2.1 (b) The commissioner may use no more than three percent of this appropriation to  
2.2 administer the program.

2.3 (c) This is a onetime appropriation. The base for this appropriation is \$0 in fiscal year  
2.4 2024 and later. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, unencumbered balances  
2.5 under this subdivision do not cancel until July 1, 2025.