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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Education Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; modifying the distribution of aid to regional public library  
1.3 systems; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 134.355,  
1.4 subdivisions 5, 6, 7.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 134.355, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. **Base aid distribution.** ~~Five~~ Fifteen percent of the available aid funds shall be  
1.8 paid to each system as base aid for basic system services.

1.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2022 and  
1.10 later.

1.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 134.355, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.12 Subd. 6. **Adjusted net tax capacity per capita distribution.** ~~Twenty-five~~ Fifteen percent  
1.13 of the available aid funds shall be distributed to regional public library systems based upon  
1.14 the adjusted net tax capacity per capita for each member county or participating portion of  
1.15 a county as calculated for the ~~second~~ third year preceding the fiscal year for which aid is  
1.16 provided. Each system's entitlement shall be calculated as follows:

1.17 ~~(a)~~ (1) multiply the adjusted net tax capacity per capita for each county or participating  
1.18 portion of a county by .0082-;

1.19 ~~(b)~~ (2) add sufficient aid funds that are available under this subdivision to raise the  
1.20 amount of the county or participating portion of a county with the lowest value calculated  
1.21 according to ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1) to the amount of the county or participating portion  
1.22 of a county with the next highest value calculated according to ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1).

2.1 Multiply the amount of the additional aid funds by the population of the county or  
 2.2 participating portion of a county;

2.3 ~~(e)~~ (3) continue the process described in ~~paragraph (b)~~ clause (2) by adding sufficient  
 2.4 aid funds that are available under this subdivision to the amount of a county or participating  
 2.5 portion of a county with the next highest value calculated in ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1) to raise  
 2.6 it and the amount of counties and participating portions of counties with lower values  
 2.7 calculated in ~~paragraph (a)~~ clause (1) up to the amount of the county or participating portion  
 2.8 of a county with the next highest value, until reaching an amount where funds available  
 2.9 under this subdivision are no longer sufficient to raise the amount of a county or participating  
 2.10 portion of a county and the amount of counties and participating portions of counties with  
 2.11 lower values up to the amount of the next highest county or participating portion of a county;  
 2.12 and

2.13 ~~(d)~~ (4) if the point is reached using the process in ~~paragraphs (b) and (e)~~ clauses (2) and  
 2.14 (3) at which the remaining aid funds under this subdivision are not adequate for raising the  
 2.15 amount of a county or participating portion of a county and all counties and participating  
 2.16 portions of counties with amounts of lower value to the amount of the county or participating  
 2.17 portion of a county with the next highest value, those funds are to be divided on a per capita  
 2.18 basis for all counties or participating portions of counties that received aid funds under the  
 2.19 calculation in ~~paragraphs (b) and (e)~~ clauses (2) and (3).

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2022 and  
 2.21 later.

2.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 134.355, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.23 Subd. 7. **Population determination.** A regional public library system's population shall  
 2.24 be determined according to must be calculated using the most recent estimate available  
 2.25 under section 477A.011, subdivision 3, at the time the aid amounts are calculated, which  
 2.26 must be by April 1 in the year the calculation is made.

2.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2022 and  
 2.28 later.

2.29 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.30 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are  
 2.31 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 2.32 designated.

3.1 Subd. 2. Regional library basic system support. For regional library basic system  
 3.2 support aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355:

3.3 \$ 17,170,000 ..... 2022

3.4 \$ 17,570,000 ..... 2023

3.5 The 2022 appropriation includes \$1,357,000 for 2021 and \$15,813,000 for 2022. The  
 3.6 2023 appropriation includes \$1,757,000 for 2022 and \$15,813,000 for 2023.