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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/08/2018	6366	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to E-12 Policy
03/26/2018		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to E-12 Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education finance; increasing state aid for school district

1.3 telecommunications projects; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes

1.4 2016, section 125B.26, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2017, First

1.5 Special Session chapter 5, article 5, section 14, subdivision 4.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125B.26, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. **District aid.** ~~For fiscal year 2006 and later,~~ A district, charter school, or

1.9 intermediate school district's Internet access equity aid equals the district, charter school,

1.10 or intermediate school district's approved cost for the previous fiscal year according to

1.11 subdivision 1 ~~exceeding \$16 times the district's adjusted pupil units for the previous fiscal~~

1.12 ~~year or no reduction if the district is part of an organized telecommunications access cluster.~~

1.13 Equity aid must be distributed to the telecommunications access cluster for districts, charter

1.14 schools, or intermediate school districts that are members of the cluster or to individual

1.15 districts, charter schools, or intermediate school districts not part of a telecommunications

1.16 access cluster.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2019 and later.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 125B.26, is amended by adding a subdivision to

1.19 read:

1.20 Subd. 4a. **Additional telecommunications equity access aid.** A school district or charter

1.21 school is eligible for additional telecommunications equity access aid equal to the greater

1.22 of zero or:

2.1 (1) the district's approved costs under subdivision 1 minus the district's aid under
 2.2 subdivision 4; minus

2.3 (2) \$7 times the adjusted pupil units.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2019 and later.

2.5 Sec. 3. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 5, section 14, subdivision 4, is
 2.6 amended to read:

2.7 Subd. 4. **Equity in telecommunications access aid.** For equity in telecommunications
 2.8 access aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 125B.26, subdivision 4:

2.9 \$ 3,750,000 2018

2.10 \$ 3,750,000 2019

2.11 If the appropriation amount is insufficient, the commissioner shall reduce the
 2.12 reimbursement rate in Minnesota Statutes, section 125B.26, subdivisions 4 and 5, and the
 2.13 revenue for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 shall be prorated.

2.14 Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

2.15 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.16 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sum indicated in this section is
 2.17 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal year
 2.18 designated.

2.19 Subd. 2. Additional telecommunications equity access aid. For additional
 2.20 telecommunications equity access aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 125B.26, subdivision
 2.21 4a:

2.22 \$ 1,000,000 2019

2.23 If the appropriation amount is insufficient, the commissioner shall reduce the reimbursement
 2.24 rate in Minnesota Statutes, section 125B.26, subdivision 4a, and the revenue for fiscal year
 2.25 2019 shall be prorated.