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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Higher Education Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; appropriating money for a grant to Teach for America.

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

1.4 Section 1. **TEACH FOR AMERICA; APPROPRIATION.**

1.5 \$825,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.6 of the Office of Higher Education for a grant to Teach for America to address the systemic  
1.7 shortage of teachers in the state, which has been exacerbated by the challenges of COVID-19  
1.8 on educational systems. The grant must be used for:

1.9 (1) expenses related to the recruitment, selection, and training of Teach for America  
1.10 corps members to fill teacher vacancies in shortage areas;

1.11 (2) expenses related to the retention and development of teachers working in either  
1.12 shortage areas or communities experiencing significant challenges with recruiting, hiring,  
1.13 and retaining racially and ethnically diverse teachers proportional to the number of students  
1.14 of color and Indigenous students;

1.15 (3) expenses related to ongoing teacher recruitment, talent planning, and talent sourcing  
1.16 support for local education agencies to fill high-impact instructional roles and school  
1.17 leadership vacancies; and

1.18 (4) regional management and operational support to develop, implement, and evaluate  
1.19 program initiatives and training designed to enhance the ability of teachers and leaders to  
1.20 accelerate student academic growth, social-emotional skill building, and leadership  
1.21 development to address the impact of COVID-19 related learning disruptions.