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Bill Summary

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Overview

In early January of 2009, the federal government passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. This bill is often referred to as the “stimulus” bill and contains a large amount of money for state government purposes, including substantial funds for prek-12 and higher education funding. Minnesota is expected to receive more than \$1 billion in additional educational funds under the ARRA. The ARRA money is divided into a number of major categories of funding including:

- Federal Stabilization Fund--\$817 million
- Special Education funding--\$204 million
- Title 1 Funds--\$122 million
- Education Technology--\$6 million
- Head Start--\$8 million

There are other categories of ARRA funding where the money will be awarded either directly to school districts or to the state department of education on a competitive grant basis. The overall level of grants, and the qualifying characteristics for many of these grants are not yet known.

Section

- 1 Appropriation.** Appropriates \$2.5 million from the federal funds made available as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to independent school district, No. 833, South Washington County, to design and construct the Center for the Arts.