Overview

Provides funding for teacher preparation programs to support first year teachers, teachers of color and teachers earning national board for professional teaching standards certification.

Section

1 First year teacher induction programs. (a) Directs the state board of teaching to establish and oversee an ongoing competitive grant program that supports first year teacher induction programs throughout the state which include:

(1) a professional development curriculum;

(2) a formative assessment system;

(3) mentoring;

(4) a plan for ongoing professional opportunities; and

(5) collaboration between public schools and post secondary teacher preparation programs that promotes continuity between preservice preparation and first
(b) Requires participating school districts to allot 20 percent of the time of first year teachers for professional development opportunities and a commensurate amount of time for teacher mentors to assist first year teachers.

2 **Grant program to promote professional teaching standards.** Increases from a total of $1000 to $1000 per school year for the term of national board certification the amount of the grant award available to teachers who earn national board for professional teaching standards certification.

3 **Appropriations; department of children, families and learning.**

   **Subd. 1. Department of children, families and learning.** Appropriates the indicated sums from the general fund to the department of children, families and learning for the fiscal years designated.

   **Subd. 2. Teachers of color program.** Appropriates $500,000 in fiscal year 2000 and $500,000 in fiscal year 2001 for the teachers of color program. Makes any remaining balance in the first fiscal year available in the second fiscal year.

   **Subd. 3. Grant program to promote professional teaching standards.** Appropriates $250,000 in fiscal year 2000 and $250,000 in fiscal year 2001 for encouraging teachers to participate in the national board for professional teaching standards certification process. Makes any remaining balance in the first fiscal year available in the second fiscal year.

4 **Appropriation; board of teaching.** Appropriates $1,200,000 in fiscal year 2000 and $2,000,000 in fiscal year 2001 from the general fund to the board of teaching for the first year teacher induction programs. Makes any remaining balance in the first fiscal year available in the second fiscal year. Directs the board to award grants on a pro rata basis at the end of the fiscal year if there are insufficient grants available for all eligible grant recipients.

5 **Effective date.** Makes section 1 immediately effective. Makes sections 2 to 4 effective July 1, 1999.