Overview

Proposes to codify two provisions awarding student scholarships and teacher stipends related to the advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs. The student scholarships and teacher stipends were first enacted into law in Laws 1997, First Special Session, chapter 4, article 5, section 28, subdivision 4.

Section

1 Student scholarships. (a) Directs the commissioner, to the extent of available appropriations, annually to award scholarships to students who score 3 or better on one or more advanced placement or international baccalaureate exams and who enroll in a Minnesota public or private college or university. Establishes a range of $75 to $500 per scholarship based on students' exam scores. Allows the commissioner to pay less than the full scholarship amount if the appropriation is inadequate.

(b) Requires scholarships to be paid directly to students' college or university and requires students to use the scholarship for tuition, fees and books in nonsectarian courses or programs. Requires the commissioner and the higher education services office jointly to determine the payment process, scholarships amounts and provisions for unused scholarships.

(c) To be eligible to receive scholarships on behalf of qualifying students, requires a college or university to have an advanced placement or credit and placement policy for scholarship recipients, which the institution annually must certify to the commissioner. Requires the commissioner annually to provide secondary schools statewide with copies of the institutions' advanced placement and international baccalaureate policies.

2 Teacher stipends. (a) Directs the commissioner, to the extent of available appropriations, annually to award stipends to teachers who teach an advanced placement or international baccalaureate course. Awards a stipend to each advanced placement or international baccalaureate teacher for each student who receives a 3 or better on the advanced placement or
a 4 or better on the international baccalaureate exam that covers the subject matter of the course. Directs the commissioner to determine the payment process and the stipend amount, which ranges from $25 to $50 for each student receiving a qualifying score.

(b) Prevents a stipend awarded under this provision from becoming a mandatory subject of bargaining or a term or condition of employment. Makes the award amount final and not subject to review.

3 **Effective date.** Makes sections 1 and 2 effective July 1, 2000.