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Bill Summary

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Overview

In 2011, the Minnesota Legislature passed a teacher evaluation requirement for school districts.

For fiscal year 2014, this bill creates pre-implementation funding for teacher evaluation activities. For fiscal years 2015 and later, the bill creates a state aid to reimburse school districts for costs associated with teacher evaluations.

Section

1 Teacher evaluation aid.

Subd. 1. Eligible entity. Defines “eligible entity” as a school district, cooperative center, intermediate school district, or joint powers board that is required by state law to conduct teacher evaluations.

Subd. 2. Teacher. Defines “teacher” as licensed staff, excluding administrators.

Subd. 3. Teacher evaluation aid. Creates a new funding formula to pay for school district teacher evaluations costs. Sets the funding at an unspecified amount times the number of teachers employed by the entity.

Subd. 4. Uses of aid. Lists the eligible uses of teacher evaluation aid including:

- ▶ training personnel to conduct summative evaluations;
- ▶ training teachers to perform peer reviews;
- ▶ training teachers about the evaluation system;

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- ▶ paying for expenses related to teacher release time related to teacher evaluation;
- ▶ training teachers and paying expenses for effective professional learning communities;
- ▶ implementing requirements related to student achievement data;
- ▶ implementing requirements related to student engagement data; and
- ▶ developing and maintaining a teacher evaluation data system.

2 **Appropriation; teacher evaluation activities.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of money in fiscal year 2014 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for a per teacher aid amount for pre-implementation teacher evaluation activities. Appropriates an unspecified amount of state aid in fiscal year 2015 for the teacher evaluation aid program created in section 1.