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## **S.F. No. 4259 – Computer Science Education Programs (as proposed to be amended by the A-1 amendment)**

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**Section 1. Definitions.** Provides definitions for “subgroups underrepresented in computer science” and “teacher” for the purposes of the computer science education advancement program.

**Sec. 2. Computer science educator training and capacity building [grants].** Requires that a grant applicant address how the applicant will attract and support educators from schools that currently do not have established computer science education programs or that do not have sufficient computer science teacher capacity. Makes other technical changes.

**Sec. 3. State report.** Requires the Department of Education to annually submit a report to the legislature describing progress on the adopted state strategic plan for a statewide computer science education program.

**Sec. 4. Grants to expand existing computer science programs.** Establishes a grant program to expand existing high-quality computer science education programs. Makes school districts, charter schools, intermediate school districts, other cooperative units, and certain other public and private entities working with those school entities eligible to apply for a grant. Provides for eligible uses of the grant, including program design, recruitment and hiring, administration, and promotion. Requires the Department of Education to administer the grant program and requires certain information to be included in the grant application. Requires each grant recipient to report on certain grant-funded activities.

**Sec. 5. Appropriation; Department of Education.** Appropriates money for computer science education teacher training and recruitment grants and computer science program expansion grants.

**Sec. 6. Appropriation; Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.** Appropriates money in fiscal year 2025 only to establish a field license in computer science.