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S.F. No. 4107 – Increase Teachers of Color Act Modifications – 1st Engrossment

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Section 1. Aspiring Minnesota Teachers of Color Scholarship Program.

Subdivision 1. **Scholarship program established.** Strikes “pilot” from the name of the program, making the program permanent instead of a pilot program.

Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** Clarifies that an applicant is eligible for a scholarship if they are enrolled in and completing an associate degree in an early childhood education, education, or special education. Allows an applicant to apply for a scholarship under this section and an underrepresented student teacher grant, but not receive an award from both programs during the same academic term.

Subd. 3. **Scholarship award amount.** Requires the commissioner to award scholarships based on the Student Aid Index of an applicant. Establishes the maximum award for an applicant that’s part of a baccalaureate or postbaccalaureate degree program as \$10,000, and \$6,000 for an applicant that’s enrolled in a full-time associate degree program.

Subd. 4a. **Account established.** Creates an aspiring Minnesota teachers of color scholarship program account in the special revenue fund.

Sections 2 and 3. **Appropriations.** Appropriates funds for programs under the Education Finance Committee's jurisdiction.

Section 4. **Appropriations; Office of Higher Education.** Appropriates funds for transfer to the aspiring Minnesota teachers of color scholarship program account in the special revenue fund.

Section 5. **Revisor Instruction.** Directs the revisor of statutes to codify section 1 as section 136A.1273.