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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy
02/20/2020 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Education Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; creating vaping prevention pilot grants; appropriating money.

1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; VAPING PREVENTION PILOT GRANTS.

1.5 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
1.6 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal year
1.7 designated.

1.8 Subd. 2. Vaping prevention pilot grants. (a) For grants to school districts for vaping
1.9 prevention programs.

1.10 \$ 250,000 ..... 2021

1.11 (b) The commissioner of education must award grants to school districts to develop and
1.12 implement vaping prevention programs. "Vaping" as used in this section means using an
1.13 activated electronic delivery device, as defined in section 609.685, subdivision 1, or heated
1.14 tobacco product. A school district that applies for a vaping prevention pilot grant must
1.15 include in its application an explanation of how the district will measure outcomes. The
1.16 commissioner must award grants to an equal number of districts inside and outside the
1.17 seven-county metropolitan area and must prioritize grants for school districts that:

1.18 (1) demonstrate they have been unable to obtain funding from third parties to develop
1.19 and implement vaping prevention programs; and

1.20 (2) propose programs that can be replicated in other school districts.

2.1 (c) Grant funds must be used to develop and implement vaping prevention programs  
2.2 using evidence-based research, and to develop alternatives to suspension for students who  
2.3 are found vaping in violation of a school policy.

2.4 (d) A school district that receives a grant under this section must report to the  
2.5 commissioner by January 15, 2021, on program development, implementation, and program  
2.6 evaluation results, and must provide to the commissioner vaping prevention materials that  
2.7 were developed using grant funds that school districts throughout Minnesota may use. The  
2.8 commissioner must post the school district reports and vaping prevention materials on the  
2.9 Department of Education website.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.