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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 4528

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Education Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; authorizing a grant for Wilderness Inquiry for credit
1.3 recovery programs; appropriating money; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; CREDIT RECOVERY.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sum indicated in this section is
1.7 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal year
1.8 designated.

1.9 Subd. 2. Wilderness Inquiry. (a) For a grant to Wilderness Inquiry for credit recovery
1.10 programs:

1.11 \$ 405,000 2021

1.12 (b) Of the amount in paragraph (a), up to \$155,000 is for planning activities including:

1.13 (1) teacher recruitment;

1.14 (2) curriculum development;

1.15 (3) teacher and outdoor leader training; and

1.16 (4) coordination among program sites.

1.17 (c) Wilderness Inquiry must form at least six partnerships with school district or charter
1.18 school programs to deliver services in partnership with the schools that will enhance credit
1.19 recovery programs. At least two partnerships must be formed with schools located in a city
1.20 of the first class; at least two partnerships must be formed with schools located in greater
1.21 Minnesota; and at least two partnerships must be formed with schools located in suburban

2.1 communities. Each partnership agreement must provide a plan for integrating Wilderness
2.2 Inquiry's programming into credit recovery activities within the district.

2.3 (d) The appropriation in paragraph (a) does not cancel and is available until June 30,
2.4 2023.

2.5 (e) The grant recipient must submit a report describing the programs offered using grant
2.6 funds and the effectiveness or program outcomes. The report must be submitted to the
2.7 commissioner of education and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
2.8 committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education.