

SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FIRST SESSION

S.F. No. 2298

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/11/2019	770	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
03/14/2019	978	Author added Nelson

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A bill for an act

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relating to education; appropriating money for a grant to Reach Out and Read

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Minnesota program.

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

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Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; REACH OUT AND READ MINNESOTA PROGRAM.**

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Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are

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appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education in the fiscal years

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designated.

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Subd. 2. Reach Out and Read Minnesota. (a) For a grant to support Reach Out and

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Read Minnesota to establish a statewide plan that encourages early childhood development

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through a network of health care clinics:

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(b) The grant recipient must develop and implement a plan that includes:

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(1) integrating children's books and parent education into well-child visits;

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(2) creating literacy-rich environments at clinics, including books for visits outside of

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Reach Out and Read Minnesota parameters or for waiting room use or volunteer readers to

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model read-aloud techniques for parents where possible;

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(3) working with public health clinics, federally qualified health centers, tribal sites,

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community health centers, and clinics that belong to health care systems, as well as

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independent clinics in underserved areas; and

- 2.1 (4) training medical professionals on speaking with parents of infants, toddlers, and  
2.2 preschoolers on the importance of early literacy.
- 2.3 (c) The plan must be fully implemented on a statewide basis by 2025.