

A bill for an act
relating to education; establishing an American Indian education liaison position
within the Department of Education.

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

Section 1. **AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION LIAISON.**

\$120,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2009 from the general fund to the Department
of Education to hire an American Indian education liaison. This position will be
responsible for:

(1) serving as a liaison to provide continuing support for American Indian students,
districts, and tribes and to cultivate positive relations within the American Indian
community;

(2) providing technical assistance;

(3) facilitating an annual statewide American Indian youth and parent conference
to provide ongoing communication on American Indian education to families, tribes,
educational institutions, and the community at large;

(4) promoting and fostering community outreach in order to assist families with
understanding school choice opportunities and providing experiences for American Indian
students; and

(5) coordinating technical assistance at the Department of Education to assist
American Indian students to achieve academic proficiency standards and assessments.