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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 2845

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance
02/26/2018 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; clarifying the appropriation for the singing-based
1.3 pilot program to improve reading; amending Laws 2017, First Special Session
1.4 chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision 14.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision
1.7 14, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 14. Singing-based pilot program to improve student reading. (a) For a grant
1.9 to pilot a research-supported, computer-based educational program that uses singing to
1.10 improve the reading ability of students in grades 2 through 5:

Table with 2 columns: Amount and Year. Row 1: \$ 500,000 2018. Row 2: \$ 0 2019

1.13 (b) The commissioner of education shall award a grant to the Rock 'n' Read Project to
1.14 implement a research-supported, computer-based educational program that uses singing to
1.15 improve the reading ability of students in grades 2 through 5. The grantee shall be responsible
1.16 for selecting participating school sites; providing any required hardware and software,
1.17 including software licenses, for the duration of the grant period; providing technical support,
1.18 training, and staff to install required project hardware and software; providing on-site
1.19 professional development and instructional monitoring and support for school staff and
1.20 students; administering preintervention and postintervention reading assessments; evaluating
1.21 the impact of the intervention; and other project management services as required. To the
1.22 extent practicable, the grantee must select participating schools in urban, suburban, and
1.23 greater Minnesota, and give priority to schools in which a high proportion of students do
1.24 not read proficiently at grade level and are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

2.1 (c) By February 15, 2019, the grantee must submit a report detailing expenditures and
2.2 outcomes of the grant to the commissioner of education and the chairs and ranking minority
2.3 members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over kindergarten through
2.4 grade 12 education policy and finance.

2.5 (d) This is a onetime appropriation.

2.6 (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.