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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 570

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; appropriating money for a grant to the Reach Out and Read
1.3 Minnesota program.

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

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

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

1.9 Subd. 2. Reach Out and Read Minnesota. (a) For a grant to Reach Out and Read
1.10 Minnesota to establish a statewide plan that encourages early childhood development through
1.11 a network of health care clinics:

1.12 \$ 250,000 2024

1.13 \$ 250,000 2025

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

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

1.16 (2) creating literacy-rich environments at health care clinics by providing books to clinics
1.17 for visits outside of Reach Out and Read Minnesota parameters, for waiting room use, or
1.18 for volunteer readers to model read-aloud techniques for parents where possible;

1.19 (3) working with public health clinics, federally qualified health centers, Tribal sites,
1.20 community health centers, and clinics that belong to health care systems, as well as
1.21 independent clinics in underserved areas; and

- 2.1 (4) training medical professionals on discussing the importance of early literacy with
- 2.2 parents of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.
- 2.3 (c) The grant recipient must fully implement the plan on a statewide basis by 2030.