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02/17/2021	434	Introduction and first reading Referred to Education Finance and Policy

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to education finance; supporting a singing-based pilot program to improve

1.3student reading; requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

1.5Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sum indicated in this section is

1.7appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal year

1.8designated.

1.9Subd. 2. Singing-based pilot program to improve student reading. (a) For a grant to

1.10pilot a research-supported, computer-based educational program that uses singing to improve

1.11the reading ability of students in grades 2 through 5:

1.12\$ 75,000 2022

1.13(b) The commissioner of education shall award a grant to the Rock 'n' Read Project to

1.14implement a research-supported, computer-based educational program that uses singing to

1.15improve the reading ability of students in grades 2 through 5. The grantee shall be responsible

1.16for selecting participating school sites; providing any required hardware and software,

1.17including software licenses, for the duration of the grant period; providing technical support,

1.18training, and staff to install required project hardware and software; providing on-site

1.19professional development and instructional monitoring and support for school staff and

1.20students; administering preintervention and postintervention reading assessments; evaluating

1.21the impact of the intervention; and other project management services as required. To the

1.22extent practicable, the grantee must select participating schools in urban, suburban, and

2.1 greater Minnesota, and give priority to schools in which a high proportion of students do
2.2 not read proficiently at grade level and are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

2.3 (c) By February 15, 2023, the grantee must submit a report detailing expenditures and
2.4 outcomes of the grant to the commissioner of education and the chairs and ranking minority
2.5 members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over kindergarten through
2.6 grade 12 education policy and finance.

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

2.8 (e) This is a onetime appropriation.