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625 Introduction and first reading
Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

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

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

1.7 Section 1. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 57, subdivision
1.8 14, is amended to read:

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

1.12		500,000		
1.13	\$	<u>270,000</u>	2018
1.14	\$	0	2019

1.15 (b) The commissioner of education shall award a grant to the Rock 'n' Read Project to
1.16 implement a research-supported, computer-based educational program that uses singing to
1.17 improve the reading ability of students in grades 2 through 5. The grantee shall be responsible
1.18 for selecting participating school sites; providing any required hardware and software,
1.19 including software licenses, for the duration of the grant period; providing technical support,
1.20 training, and staff to install required project hardware and software; providing on-site
1.21 professional development and instructional monitoring and support for school staff and
1.22 students; administering preintervention and postintervention reading assessments; evaluating
1.23 the impact of the intervention; and other project management services as required. To the
1.24 extent 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, 2019, 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) This is a onetime appropriation.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 30, 2019.

2.9 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; SINGING-BASED PILOT PROGRAM.**

2.10 **Subdivision 1. Department of Education.** The sum indicated in this section is
2.11 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal year
2.12 designated.

2.13 **Subd. 2. Singing-based pilot program to improve student reading.** (a) For a grant to
2.14 continue a research-supported, computer-based educational program that uses singing to
2.15 improve the reading ability of students in grades 2 through 5:

2.16 \$ 230,000 2020

2.17 (b) The commissioner of education shall award the grant to the Rock 'n' Read Project
2.18 to continue the project's activities under Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article
2.19 2, section 57, subdivision 14.

2.20 (c) By February 15, 2021, the grantee must submit a report detailing expenditures and
2.21 outcomes of the grant to the commissioner of education and the chairs and ranking minority
2.22 members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over kindergarten through
2.23 grade 12 education policy and finance.

2.24 (d) Any balance in 2020 does not cancel but is available until June 30, 2021.