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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 2998

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Education Finance Division

1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to education finance; appropriating money for the Minnesota GreenStep
1.3   Schools program.

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

1.5   Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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 for the fiscal years

1.8   designated.

1.9   Subd. 2. **Minnesota GreenStep Schools program.** (a) For the Minnesota GreenStep

1.10   Schools program to challenge, educate, and provide free, voluntary programs to school

1.11   districts and charter schools in efforts to reduce environmental impacts and costs; improve

1.12   the health of students, staff, and community; and strengthen environmental education and

1.13   STEM career opportunities:

1.14 $ 270,000   2021

1.15   (b) Of the amount in paragraph (a), $140,000 is for a grant to the Minnesota Design

1.16   Center at the University of Minnesota to lead the Minnesota GreenStep Schools program.

1.17   The center's responsibilities must include continuous improvement through research-based

1.18   best practices, coordination of public-private-nonprofit program operation and ongoing

1.19   development, and coordination of technical support, evaluation, and recognition for

1.20   participating schools.

1.21   (c) Of the amount in paragraph (a), $130,000 is for the Department of Education. The

1.22   department's responsibilities must include administration of the program; integration of the

2.1 program with the department's existing work on academic standards, best practices, and

2.2 other programs; and training schools and districts to join and advance in the program.

2.3 (d) The base in fiscal year 2022 is $270,000.