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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Education Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; appropriating money to schools that provide in-person  
1.3 instruction during the 2020-2021 school year.

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

1.5 Section 1. **FEDERAL FUNDS; APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Suspension of statutory appropriation. The appropriation in Minnesota  
1.7 Statutes, section 4.07, subdivision 3, does not apply to \$..... of federal funds for COVID-19  
1.8 from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund's state educational  
1.9 agency reserve received by the state of Minnesota between December 26, 2020, and June  
1.10 30, 2023, for which an appropriation in this section is an eligible expenditure. Federal  
1.11 funding to which this section applies must not be used for any other purpose.

1.12 Subd. 2. Appropriation. \$..... in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the federal fund  
1.13 to the commissioner of education to support school districts that have provided in-person  
1.14 instruction during the 2020-2021 school year as of December 31, 2020. The commissioner  
1.15 must allocate the appropriation in this subdivision to each eligible school district in an  
1.16 amount equal to the total appropriation multiplied by the ratio of an eligible school district's  
1.17 fiscal year 2021 average daily membership divided by the total fiscal year 2021 average  
1.18 daily membership of all eligible school districts. The commissioner must use the estimated  
1.19 average daily membership from the November 2020 forecast for the funding allocation  
1.20 under this subdivision. This appropriation is available until September 30, 2023. This is a  
1.21 onetime appropriation.

1.22 Subd. 3. Use. A school district must use funding received under subdivision 2 for costs  
1.23 associated with reopening and providing in-person learning

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

2.2 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.3 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
2.4 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal years  
2.5 designated.

2.6 Subd. 2. **In-person learning grants.** (a) For providing grants to school districts that  
2.7 have conducted in-person learning throughout the 2020-2021 school year:

2.8 \$ ..... .. 2021

2.9 (b) To be eligible for funding under this subdivision, a school district must document  
2.10 that its coronavirus-related costs exceed the amount of federal revenue it received under  
2.11 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) and the  
2.12 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (Public Law 116-260).  
2.13 School districts must make this documentation in a form and manner determined by the  
2.14 commissioner. The commissioner must distribute grants equally to eligible school districts  
2.15 based on each school district's average daily membership for the 2020-2021 school year.  
2.16 A grant awarded under this subdivision must be used for costs associated with reopening  
2.17 and providing in-person learning.

2.18 (c) This appropriation is available until June 30, 2022. This is a onetime appropriation.

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