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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to arts and culture; appropriating money for regional library systems.

1.3BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

1.5(a) \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated

1.6from the arts and cultural heritage fund to the commissioner of education for grants to the

1.712 Minnesota regional library systems to provide educational opportunities in the arts,

1.8history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of Minnesota. The money must be allocated using

1.9the formulas in Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355, subdivisions 3, 4, and 5, with the

1.10remaining 25 percent to be distributed to all qualifying systems in an amount proportionate

1.11to the number of qualifying system entities in each system. For purposes of this section,

1.12"qualifying system entity" means a public library, a regional library system, a regional

1.13library system headquarters, a county, or an outreach service program. The money may be

1.14used to sponsor programs provided by regional libraries or to provide grants to local arts

1.15and cultural heritage programs for programs in partnership with regional libraries. The

1.16money must be distributed in ten equal payments per year. Notwithstanding Minnesota

1.17Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered on or before June 30, 2023, as

1.18grants or contracts under this section are available until June 30, 2025.

1.19(b) \$125,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$125,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from

1.20the arts and cultural heritage fund to the commissioner of education for a grant to the entity

1.21designated by the Library of Congress as the Minnesota Center for the Book to provide

1.22statewide programming related to the Minnesota Book Awards and for additional

1.23programming throughout the state related to the Center for the Book designation.