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02/02/2011	158	Introduction and first reading Referred to Education

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to education finance; encouraging school programs offering alternative

1.3school year calendars; authorizing grants; appropriating money; amending

1.4Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 124D.12; 124D.126, by adding a subdivision.

1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.12, is amended to read:

1.7**124D.12 PURPOSE OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING YEAR PROGRAMS.**

1.8Sections 124D.12 to 124D.127 authorize districts to evaluate, plan and employ the

1.9use of flexible learning year programs. It is anticipated that the open selection of the type

1.10of flexible learning year operation from a variety of alternatives will allow each district

1.11seeking to utilize this concept to suitably fulfill the educational needs of its pupils. These

1.12alternatives must include, but not be limited to, various 45-15 plans, four-quarter plans,

1.13quinmester plans, extended learning year plans, flexible all-year plans, and four-day week

1.14plans. Grants for these programs are available under section 124D.126, subdivision 3.

1.15**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2012.

1.16Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 124D.126, is amended by adding a

1.17subdivision to read:

1.18Subd. 3. **Grants.** A school district or charter school that operates a flexible learning

1.19year program is eligible for a grant. The district must apply for a grant in the form and

1.20manner required by the commissioner of education. The commissioner must evaluate

1.21grant proposals and may award grants of up to \$50,000 per school site served by a flexible

1.22learning year program. A school district may apply for a grant for more than one site. If

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2.1 the appropriation for this program is insufficient, the commissioner may reduce grant
2.2 amounts to each site or establish a priority for grants based on each district's application.

2.3 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.4 \$3,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2012 from the general fund to the
2.5 commissioner of education for purposes of making grants under section 2.