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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2939

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; providing funding to establish the Traverse des
1.3 Sioux legislative pilot project; appropriating money.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
1.7 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education for the fiscal year
1.8 designated.

1.9 Subd. 2. Traverse des Sioux legislative pilot project. For a grant to the Traverse
1.10 des Sioux legislative pilot project:

1.11 \$ 185,500 2017

1.12 Funds appropriated in this section are to provide services and resources to
1.13 kindergarten through grade 12 media centers in the nine south central counties served by
1.14 the Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative regional and multitype library system. The
1.15 funds appropriated in this section may be used to hire certified kindergarten through grade
1.16 12 librarians and cover associated administrative and travel costs in order to provide
1.17 tools and instruction to students and school staff to enhance and support the learning
1.18 process in districts that do not currently have librarians or paraprofessionals in their
1.19 district media centers. The funds appropriated in this section may also be used, as time
1.20 allows, to support collaboration between the librarians hired under this pilot project and
1.21 school districts that have one certified kindergarten through grade 12 school librarian and
1.22 library paraprofessional.