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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; establishing an environmental education advancement  
1.3 program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes, chapter 124D.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[124D.99] ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT.**

1.7 An environmental education advancement program is established to promote  
1.8 greater accessibility to environmental education programs for kindergarten through  
1.9 grade 12 students. The commissioner of education shall reimburse school districts and  
1.10 charter schools 50 percent of the costs of environmental education programs provided  
1.11 by residential environmental learning centers within Minnesota. School districts and  
1.12 charter schools may apply for reimbursement in the form and manner determined by the  
1.13 commissioner. The commissioner shall make all reimbursements at the close of each  
1.14 fiscal year adjusting the reimbursements pro rata if the appropriations to this program do  
1.15 not allow for 50 percent reimbursement.

1.16 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.17 \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2015 to the commissioner of education from  
1.18 the environmental fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.531, for the purposes of  
1.19 providing reimbursements under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.99.