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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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S.F. No. 4907

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/13/2024	12190	Introduction and first reading Referred to Education Finance

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to education finance; creating a onetime aid to improve student attendance;

1.3appropriating money.

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

1.5Section 1. APPROPRIATION; STUDENT ATTENDANCE.

1.6Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sum indicated in this section is

1.7appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal year

1.8designated.

1.9Subd. 2. Student connections aid. (a) For onetime aid to help connect students to their

1.10schools and improve student attendance:

1.11\$ 20,000,000 2025

1.12(b) Each school district and charter school is eligible for onetime student connections

1.13aid equal to \$20 times the district's fall 2023 total student enrollment. Each cooperative unit

1.14identified in Minnesota Statutes, section 123A.24, subdivision 2, is eligible for onetime

1.15student connections aid equal to \$2 times the student enrollment of its member districts. If

1.16a district is a member of more than one cooperative unit that serves students, the revenue

1.17must be allocated among the cooperative units.

1.18(c) Student connections aid must be used for programs that build connections to students

1.19and encourage regular school attendance. A school may provide a program with its own

1.20staff or a school may contract for services. Student connections program activities may

1.21include individualized contact through phone, texting, and home visits. To the extent possible,

1.22a program must include preventive measures, build student skills and capacity to remain in

- 2.1 school, utilize existing school and community resources, and focus on the individual needs
- 2.2 of each student.
- 2.3 (d) This aid is 100 percent payable in fiscal year 2025.
- 2.4 (e) This is a onetime appropriation.
- 2.5 (f) This appropriation does not cancel but is available until June 30, 2027.