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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3400

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; authorizing a grant for Independent School District
1.3 No. 271, Bloomington, for an integrated special education information system;
1.4 appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. INTEGRATED SPECIAL EDUCATION INFORMATION SYSTEM
1.7 PILOT GRANT.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Pilot project purpose. The purpose of the integrated special education
1.9 information system pilot project is to develop and implement a more efficient special
1.10 education information system that provides accurate and measurable data to achieve better
1.11 results for students and school staff.

1.12 Subd. 2. System components. The integrated special education information system
1.13 developed under this section must contain all of the individualized education program
1.14 information for each student, integrate third-party billing information, reduce staff time
1.15 necessary to prepare and input data, eliminate duplicate entries of the same information,
1.16 improve the availability of special education information, increase the reliability of special
1.17 education data, and automate reporting for students, school staff, and the state.

1.18 Subd. 3. Replicability. The system designed under this section must be replicable by
1.19 other school districts and charter schools. By January 15, 2023, Independent School District
1.20 No. 271, Bloomington, must make the design of the special education information system
1.21 developed under this section available to the commissioner of education and, as requested,
1.22 to other school districts and charter schools interested in pursuing a similar system.

2.1 Subd. 4. Report. By January 15 of each year, Independent School District No. 271,
 2.2 Bloomington, must prepare and submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members
 2.3 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over K-12 education documenting the progress
 2.4 of developing the integrated special education information system, detailing the grant
 2.5 expenditures, listing the cost savings to the school district of the information system,
 2.6 cataloguing the time savings to the district's special education staff, and assessing the reaction
 2.7 to the system by school staff, students, and parents.

2.8 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; INTEGRATED SPECIAL EDUCATION
 2.9 INFORMATION SYSTEM PILOT.

2.10 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sum indicated in this section is
 2.11 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal year
 2.12 designated.

2.13 Subd. 2. Integrated special education information system. (a) For a grant to
 2.14 Independent School District No. 271, Bloomington, for a pilot project to create an integrated
 2.15 special education information system according to section 1:

2.16 \$ 8,000,000 2021

2.17 (b) This appropriation does not cancel but is available until June 30, 2023.