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

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to education; providing for a kindergarten through grade 5 after-school,

1.3culturally focused arts program to improve the reading, math, and life skills of

1.4underperforming students and thereby reduce the academic achievement gap;

1.5appropriating money.

1.6BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7Section 1. APPROPRIATION; AFTER-SCHOOL, CULTURALLY FOCUSED

1.8ARTS PROGRAM FOR UNDERPERFORMING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH

1.9GRADE 5 STUDENTS.

1.10(a) \$120,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the

1.11commissioner of education for a grant to Independent School District No. 625, St. Paul,

1.12for an after-school, culturally focused arts program to improve the reading, math, and life

1.13skills of 75 to 100 underperforming students in kindergarten through grade 5 by engaging

1.14and immersing them in their art, history, and culture and providing them with math, literacy,

1.15and life skills coaching, all in an effort to reduce the district's academic achievement gap.

1.16(b) The base for this program in fiscal year 2018 and later is \$120,000.

1.17EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2016.