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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2849

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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 create the reading skills for
1.3 health care workers program; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **READING SKILLS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS PROGRAM;**
1.6 **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$75,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.8 commissioner of education to provide a grant to an adult basic education consortium
1.9 to develop a contextualized online reading curriculum to increase reading fluency and
1.10 comprehension for persons who are:

1.11 (1) eligible for adult basic education services under Minnesota Statutes, section
1.12 124D.52;

1.13 (2) assessed at level C on the CASAS standardized test for literacy skills or a
1.14 verifiable equivalent skill level on a standardized adult literacy assessment instrument; and

1.15 (3) pursuing a realistic goal to enter the health care workforce.

1.16 The consortium must make the developed curriculum available to all Minnesota adult
1.17 basic education consortia. This is a onetime appropriation.