

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

S.F. No. 2732

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03/14/2016	5039	Introduction and first reading Referred to Education

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education; providing for a kindergarten through grade 5 after-school,
1.3 culturally focused arts program to improve the reading, math, and life skills of
1.4 underperforming students and thereby reduce the academic achievement gap;
1.5 appropriating money.

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

1.7 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; AFTER-SCHOOL, CULTURALLY FOCUSED**
1.8 **ARTS PROGRAM FOR UNDERPERFORMING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH**
1.9 **GRADE 5 STUDENTS.**

1.10 (a) \$120,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.11 commissioner of education for a grant to Independent School District No. 625, St. Paul,
1.12 for an after-school, culturally focused arts program to improve the reading, math, and life
1.13 skills of 75 to 100 underperforming students in kindergarten through grade 5 by engaging
1.14 and immersing them in their art, history, and culture and providing them with math, literacy,
1.15 and 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.

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