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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4878

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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 reimbursements to teachers for
1.3 evidence-based reading instruction training; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sum indicated in this section is
1.7 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal year
1.8 designated.

1.9 Subd. 2. Evidence-based reading instruction training reimbursement. (a) To
1.10 reimburse teachers for evidence-based reading instruction training:

1.11 \$ 1,500,000 2025

1.12 (b) A teacher who is currently teaching in a Minnesota school must apply in the form
1.13 and manner determined by the commissioner to receive reimbursement for the actual cost
1.14 the applicant paid for an evidence-based reading instruction training, including tuition,
1.15 books, and other instructional materials. The commissioner must establish procedures to
1.16 ensure that the costs reimbursed under this section have not been reimbursed by the
1.17 applicant's employer or another source. If the appropriation is insufficient, the commissioner
1.18 must prorate the amount paid to applicants seeking reimbursement.

1.19 (c) An eligible evidence-based reading instruction training is an approved professional
1.20 development program identified under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.124, subdivision
1.21 1, clause (2), that was completed by the applicant between June 30, 2021, and June 30,
1.22 2023.

2.1 (d) This is a onetime appropriation.