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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4896

03/13/2024 Authored by Kresha and Hudella 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; appropriating money for a grant to HuddLUp to
1.3 improve emotional wellness in teachers and students; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; HUDDLUP ORGANIZATION.

1.6 (a) \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.7 commissioner of education for a grant to HuddLUp to provide mentoring and modeling for
1.8 teachers in Minnesota classrooms. The grant funds must be used: (1) to support social and
1.9 emotional learning curriculum developed to meet the five CASEL standards of
1.10 self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible
1.11 decision-making; (2) for teacher training and coaching; and (3) for program evaluation for
1.12 public schools in central Minnesota for students in kindergarten through grade 6.

1.13 (b) The grant recipient must provide a detailed report to the chairs and ranking minority
1.14 members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade
1.15 12 education and higher education beginning on June 15, 2026, and by June 15 of each year
1.16 thereafter until 2029, describing how the grant funds were used. The report must describe
1.17 the progress made toward the goal of increasing the instructional knowledge and skills and
1.18 emotional and social well-being of teachers and students. The report must also explain the
1.19 strategies used to improve students' emotional well-being and behavioral concerns, to provide
1.20 support for teachers to build classroom communities where all students are supported by
1.21 peers and staff, and to support academic success for students in kindergarten through grade
1.22 8 who have participated in the program.

- 2.1 (c) The base appropriation for fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028 is \$1,500,000. The base
- 2.2 appropriation for fiscal year 2029 and thereafter is \$0.
- 2.3 (d) This appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.