

A bill for an act

relating to education; prohibiting participation in Race to the Top grant program.

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

Section 1. **RACE TO THE TOP WITHDRAWAL.**

The commissioner of education shall cancel and withdraw the application submitted by the state of Minnesota to the federal Department of Education for Race to the Top grant funding established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Public Law 111-5, and any other applications or agreements submitted by the state of Minnesota pertaining to the Race to the Top grant program. The commissioner shall not reapply for any federal Race to the Top grants established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Neither the commissioner nor any Minnesota public school shall accept funding or mandates from the federal Race to the Top program. All memoranda of agreement concerning the federal Race to the Top grant program are nullified.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively from January 20, 2010.