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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 5349

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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; appropriating money for Rally to Read.

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

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; MINNESOTA RALLY TO READ.

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

1.8 Subd. 2. Rally to Read. (a) For a grant to the St. Paul Foundation for Rally to Read:

1.9 § 250,000 2025

1.10 (b) The St. Paul Foundation must distribute the Rally to Read grant funds on a competitive
1.11 basis to organizations that demonstrate the capacity and expertise to be a Rally to Read
1.12 community reading coalition.

1.13 (c) Grant funds must be used to support community reading coalitions throughout the
1.14 state that work toward making Minnesota the state with the highest reading proficiency
1.15 scores with the fewest inequities. This includes but is not limited to staffing to coordinate
1.16 statewide implementation, community reading coalition facilitation, meeting expenses, data
1.17 tracking, benchmark dashboard monitoring, and evaluation.

1.18 (d) Rally to Read must implement a targeted strategy to prioritize delivering literacy
1.19 resources to the children who need it the most. The community reading coalitions must
1.20 build on existing programs that have a proven track record of delivering results that benefit

- 2.1 children to ensure children are prepared to read by age three and are able to read proficiently
- 2.2 at every grade level.
- 2.3 (e) Each dollar of grant funds received must be matched with private funds.
- 2.4 (f) The appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.
- 2.5 (g) This is a onetime appropriation.