

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

**S.F. No. 1437**

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1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to education; appropriating money for research and teacher professional  
 1.3 development.

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

1.5 Section 1. WILDERNESS INQUIRY; APPROPRIATION.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are  
 1.7 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
 1.8 designated.

1.9 Subd. 2. Wilderness inquiry. For a grant to wilderness inquiry:

1.10	\$	<u>250,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2016</u>
1.11	\$	<u>100,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2017</u>

1.12 Of this amount, \$150,000 in fiscal year 2016 is for a continuation of research  
 1.13 establishing the socioemotional benefits of outdoor engagement leading to improved  
 1.14 academic outcomes.

1.15 Of this amount, \$100,000 each year is to facilitate Minnesota teachers' participation  
 1.16 in professional development focused on place-based education that furthers the research.