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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; creating a pilot grant program to increase the academic
1.3 success of girls of color; appropriating money; requiring a report.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **PILOT GRANT PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE ACADEMIC**
1.6 **SUCCESS OF GIRLS OF COLOR.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in
1.8 this subdivision have the meanings given.

1.9 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of education.

1.10 (c) "Eligible organization" means community-based organizations serving girls
1.11 of color, Minnesota public elementary and secondary schools, and other Minnesota
1.12 organizations experienced in working with girls of color, consistent with the purposes
1.13 of this section.

1.14 (d) "Girls of color" means females through age 17 who self-identify as American
1.15 Indian, Asian, Black, or Hispanic.

1.16 Subd. 2. **Grants.** The commissioner shall award one grant to an eligible organization
1.17 serving girls of color in Ramsey County and one grant to an eligible organization serving
1.18 girls of color in one or more counties in greater Minnesota. The eligible organizations
1.19 receiving a grant must use grant funds to increase the academic success of girls of color,
1.20 leading to reduced suspensions in public elementary and secondary schools, increased
1.21 on-time high school graduation rates, and encourage their pursuit of a postsecondary
1.22 education program.

1.23 Subd. 3. **Outcomes.** The Ramsey County grant recipient must develop a model
1.24 program that other counties in the Twin Cities metropolitan area may replicate and use.

2.1 The greater Minnesota grant recipient must develop a model program that other counties
2.2 in greater Minnesota may replicate and use.

2.3 Subd. 4. **Report.** The commissioner, by January 15, 2019, must submit a written
2.4 report to the committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over kindergarten through
2.5 grade 12 education containing information about the pilot grant program design,
2.6 activities, expenditures, and outcomes disaggregated by categories of race, cultural
2.7 group, family income, age, grade level, school district, geographical location, migrant,
2.8 foreign immigrant, home language, English learner status under Minnesota Statutes,
2.9 section 124D.59, disability, homelessness, and foster care, to the extent the information is
2.10 available and no individual can be personally identified from the information.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.

2.12 Sec. 2. **PILOT GRANT PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE ACADEMIC**
2.13 **SUCCESS OF GIRLS OF COLOR; APPROPRIATION.**

2.14 \$..... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.15 of education for a pilot grant program to increase the academic success of girls of color
2.16 under section 1. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until expended.

2.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2017.