

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

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1954 Introduction and first reading
Referred to Education Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; authorizing a grant to improve students' writing
1.3 skills; requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

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 in the fiscal years
1.8 designated.

1.9 Subd. 2. Writing skills. (a) For a grant to 826 MSP:

1.10 \$ 150,000 2024

1.11 \$ 150,000 2025

1.12 (b) The grant recipient must use grant funds for programs for students from low-income
1.13 families and students of color in the Twin Cities that strengthen students' literacy skills,
1.14 increase student engagement, and develop student leadership. Grant funds may be used to:

1.15 (1) provide all-day, in-school academic support and tutoring throughout the school year;

1.16 (2) provide year-round, out-of-school writing, publishing, and leadership activities;

1.17 (3) enhance career exploration opportunities, including exposure to literary arts and
1.18 creative industries; and

1.19 (4) support families' literacy development through family literacy activities.

1.20 (c) A grant applicant must submit to the commissioner of education a description of the
1.21 program's goals and strategies consistent with the evidence-based grant requirements of

2.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.20. The grant recipient must submit a preliminary report
2.2 on the program's status on January 15, 2024, and submit a final report consistent with
2.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.20.

2.4 (d) The department may retain up to five percent of the appropriation amount to monitor
2.5 and administer the grant program.

2.6 (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

2.7 (f) The base for fiscal year 2026 is \$0.