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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy  
See HF2725

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; creating a grant program for online access to music education  
1.3 for students and children; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. ONLINE MUSIC INSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM.

1.6 (a) The commissioner of health shall award a grant to a community music education  
1.7 and performance center to partner with schools and early childhood centers to provide online  
1.8 music instruction to students and children for the purpose of increasing student  
1.9 self-confidence, providing students with a sense of community, and reducing individual  
1.10 stress. In applying for the grant, an applicant must commit to providing at least a 30 percent  
1.11 match of the funds allocated. The applicant must also include in the application the  
1.12 measurable outcomes the applicant intends to accomplish with the grant funds.

1.13 (b) The grantee shall use grant funds to partner with schools or early childhood centers  
1.14 that are designated Title I schools or centers or are located in rural Minnesota, and may use  
1.15 the funds in consultation with the music or early childhood educators in each school or early  
1.16 childhood center to provide individual or small group music instruction, sectional ensembles,  
1.17 or other group music activities, music workshops, or early childhood music activities. At  
1.18 least half of the online music programs must be in partnership with schools or early childhood  
1.19 centers located in rural Minnesota. A grantee may use the funds awarded to supplement or  
1.20 enhance an existing online music program within a school or early childhood center that  
1.21 meets the criteria described in this paragraph.

1.22 (c) The grantee must contract with a third-party entity to evaluate the success of the  
1.23 online music program. The evaluation must include interviews with the music educators

2.1 and students at the schools and early childhood centers where an online music program was  
2.2 established. The results of the evaluation must be submitted to the commissioner of health  
2.3 and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
2.4 over mental health policy and finance by December 15, 2025.

2.5 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.6 \$300,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.7 of health to award a grant for the online music instruction grant program. This is a onetime  
2.8 appropriation and is available until June 30, 2025.