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**S.F. No. 5276**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Education Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; creating the Slice for St. Paul Kids literacy incentive  
1.3 pilot program through a school and community partnership; requiring a report;  
1.4 appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; SLICE FOR ST. PAUL KIDS LITERACY**  
1.7 **INCENTIVE PILOT PROGRAM.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sum indicated in this section is  
1.9 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal year  
1.10 designated.

1.11 Subd. 2. Community partnership. (a) For a grant to Independent School District No.  
1.12 625, St. Paul, as fiscal agent for a community-centered after-school literacy incentive pilot  
1.13 program:

1.14 \$ ..... .... 2025

1.15 (b) Independent School District No. 625, St. Paul, in partnership with the Westside  
1.16 Boosters, may submit a grant application to the Department of Education in the form and  
1.17 manner specified by the commissioner. The grant application must describe the after-school  
1.18 literacy incentive programs to be implemented by the Riverview, Maxfield, Humboldt, and  
1.19 Central Schools in partnership with the Westside Boosters and the St. Paul Promise  
1.20 Neighborhood. The partnership may include other schools, libraries, and community  
1.21 organizations. The after-school literacy incentive programs may be integrated into other  
1.22 after-school activities. The application must detail the specific strategies that will be

2.1 implemented in the pilot program, including rewards and incentives for reading that may  
2.2 include:

2.3 (1) providing vouchers for pizza slices for reading books;

2.4 (2) placement and operation of book vending machines; and

2.5 (3) high school graduation rewards.

2.6 (c) By January 15, 2027, the school district, Westside Boosters, and the other school  
2.7 and community partners must submit a report complying with Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.8 3.195, to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over prekindergarten through grade  
2.9 12 education detailing the pilot program's spending and describing the effectiveness of  
2.10 after-school literacy engagement and student literacy outcomes.

2.11 (d) This is a onetime appropriation.

2.12 (e) This appropriation does not cancel but is available until June 30, 2027.