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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 167

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

- 1.1

A bill for an act
- 1.2

relating to education finance; appropriating money to Independent School District
- 1.3

No. 99, Esko, for American Indian mascot removal and replacement costs.
- 1.4

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION; INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99,
- 1.6

ESKO; AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT COSTS.
- 1.7

Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sum indicated in this section is
- 1.8

appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal year
- 1.9

designated.
- 1.10

Subd. 2. Independent School District No. 99, Esko; American Indian mascot removal
- 1.11

and replacement costs. (a) For reimbursement to Independent School District No. 99,
- 1.12

Esko, for American Indian mascot removal and replacement costs to comply with Minnesota
- 1.13

Statutes, section 121A.041:
- 1.14

\$ 945,000 2026
- 1.15

(b) The commissioner must reimburse the school district for the costs of removing and
- 1.16

replacing an American Indian mascot on school facilities and equipment, including athletic
- 1.17

uniforms, clocks, school signage, tribute markers, chairs, tables, entryway flooring,
- 1.18

gymnasium flooring, athletic field artificial turf, and gymnasium wall mats. To be eligible
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for reimbursement, an expense must have been incurred by the school district on or after
- 1.20

June 1, 2023.
- 1.21

(c) This appropriation is available until June 30, 2028. This is a onetime appropriation.