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S.F. No. 349

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
01/21/2025	120	Introduction and first reading Referred to Education Finance

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to education finance; appropriating money to Independent School District

1.3No. 318, Grand Rapids, for American Indian mascot removal and replacement

1.4costs.

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

1.6Section 1. APPROPRIATION; INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 318,

1.7GRAND RAPIDS; AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT REMOVAL AND

1.8REPLACEMENT COSTS.

1.9Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sum indicated in this section is

1.10appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal year

1.11designated.

1.12Subd. 2. Independent School District No. 318, Grand Rapids; American Indian

1.13mascot removal and replacement costs. (a) To Independent School District No. 318,

1.14Grand Rapids, for American Indian mascot removal and replacement costs to comply with

1.15Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.041:

1.16\$ 1,000,000 2026

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

1.18replacing an American Indian mascot on school facilities and equipment, including athletic

1.19uniforms, clocks, school signage, tribute markers, chairs, tables, entryway flooring,

1.20gymnasium flooring, athletic field artificial turf, and gymnasium wall mats. To be eligible

1.21for reimbursement, an expense must have been incurred by the school district on or after

1.22June 1, 2023.

- 2.1 (c) This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027. This is a onetime appropriation.