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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
01/23/2025	159	Introduction and first reading Referred to Education Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to education finance; providing funding for the Building Assets, Reducing

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Risks Center; appropriating money.

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

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Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; BUILDING ASSETS, REDUCING RISKS CENTER.**

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Subdivision 1. Commissioner of education. The sums indicated in this section are

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appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education in the fiscal years

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designated.

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Subd. 2. BARR Center. (a) For grants to the Building Assets, Reducing Risks (BARR)

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Center to deliver an evidence-based, research-validated program to schools:

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\$ 10,000,000 2026

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\$ 10,000,000 2027

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(b) Consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.20, the BARR Center must apply

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for the grants in the form and manner specified by the commissioner of education. The

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BARR Center must deliver an evidence-based, research-validated program that provides

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school coaching support, professional development, and curriculum and resources over a

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three-year period to each qualifying school site.

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(c) The BARR Center must select at least 40 schools to participate in the program. The

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schools must be geographically balanced among urban, suburban, and rural schools and

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serve high concentrations of students in poverty or high concentrations of underrepresented

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students, including students who are from Black, Indigenous, and People of Color

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communities.

- 2.1 (d) The grants to the BARR Center must be directed toward:
- 2.2 (1) improving student social and emotional skills and engagement in school;
- 2.3 (2) increasing opportunity and academic achievement for students of color and those
- 2.4 experiencing poverty;
- 2.5 (3) improving teacher satisfaction and effectiveness; and
- 2.6 (4) increasing the number of students who earn a high school diploma.
- 2.7 (e) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to three
- 2.8 percent of the appropriation is available for grant administration.
- 2.9 (f) The fiscal year 2026 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028. The fiscal year
- 2.10 2027 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.