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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; authorizing a grant for the Brooklyn Center
1.3 innovation district program; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **BROOKLYN CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT INNOVATIVE**
1.6 **DISTRICT GRANT PROGRAM.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Program goals. The innovative district grant program is created to
1.8 demonstrate a districtwide program designed to increase student performance, eliminate
1.9 the achievement gap, and boost graduation rates in Independent School District No. 286,
1.10 Brooklyn Center.

1.11 Subd. 2. Program components. The innovative district grant program components
1.12 include:

- 1.13 (1) reducing class sizes to provide individualized instruction;
- 1.14 (2) expanding after-school and summer school programs;
- 1.15 (3) strengthening service learning programs;
- 1.16 (4) integrating technology fully into the curriculum;
- 1.17 (5) raising the rigor of the curriculum;
- 1.18 (6) expanding mentoring opportunities;
- 1.19 (7) strengthening parent education programs;
- 1.20 (8) extending the AVID program to students in grades 5 through 12;
- 1.21 (9) training staff on diversity matters; and
- 1.22 (10) expanding literacy efforts by strengthening reading and writing programs.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Commissioner approval.** Independent School District No. 286, Brooklyn
2.2 Center, must submit its innovative district plan to the commissioner of education. The
2.3 commissioner must accept or modify the district plan within 60 days of receipt of the plan.

2.4 Subd. 4. **Study and report.** Independent School District No. 286, Brooklyn
2.5 Center, must submit a report by January 15 of each year to the education committees of
2.6 the legislature documenting the district's progress in meeting its program goals under
2.7 this section.

2.8 Subd. 5. **Appropriation.** \$945,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2008 from the
2.9 general fund to the commissioner of education for a grant to Independent School District
2.10 No. 286, Brooklyn Center.