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

March 19, 2007

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; appropriating money to increase parent and community
1.3 involvement in the education of their children; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**
1.6 **IN LEARNING.**

1.7 \$890,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$890,000 in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from
1.8 the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the School of
1.9 Social Work to expand the Learning Dreams program to enable more parents to participate
1.10 in the education of their children through highly effective parent and community
1.11 involvement in learning that leads to improved outcomes for at-risk children. These
1.12 appropriations are to expand the program to six additional sites located throughout the
1.13 state to reflect an urban, suburban, and rural balance. The School of Social Work should
1.14 submit a report to the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction
1.15 over prekindergarten through grade 12 education on the expansion and effectiveness
1.16 of the program by January 1, 2010. Any balance in the first year does not cancel but
1.17 is available in the second year.