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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 and agriculture; creating a pilot incentive grant program to
1.3 encourage school districts to purchase locally grown foods; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **SCHOOL PURCHASE OF LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD; PILOT**
1.6 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner of education, in consultation with the commissioner of
1.8 agriculture, shall establish and implement a pilot grant program to encourage school
1.9 districts to purchase locally grown foods. The commissioners of education and agriculture
1.10 shall choose the school districts that receive the grants on a competitive basis. At least one
1.11 school district in a metropolitan area and one school district in a rural area of the state must
1.12 be chosen for a grant. The grants shall be used for the coordination and implementation of
1.13 a program to provide additional locally grown food to the school district.

1.14 (b) A school district receiving a grant under this section shall include in its
1.15 curriculum a discussion of locally produced food, including the identification of the
1.16 locally produced food used by the district.

1.17 (c) By September 15, 2008, a school district receiving a grant under this section
1.18 shall report to the commissioners of education and agriculture on the expenditure of
1.19 grant money received and any additional resources used by the district to coordinate the
1.20 purchase of locally grown food. The report shall include information on the amounts
1.21 and types of foods purchased, and any recommendations on methods and practices for
1.22 coordinating the purchase of locally produced food.

1.23 (d) By November 15, 2008, the commissioner of education, in consultation with
1.24 the commissioner of agriculture, shall report to the house and senate policy and budget

2.1 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over education and agriculture on the use of
2.2 the grant money under this section. The report shall include a summary of the individual
2.3 school district reports in paragraph (c).

2.4 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.5 \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2008 from the general fund to the commissioner
2.6 of education for grants under section 1. This is a onetime appropriation and is available
2.7 until June 30, 2009.