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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; appropriating money for a grant to the Minnesota
1.3 Humanities Center.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$400,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education for
1.7 a grant to the Minnesota Humanities Center under Minnesota Statutes, section 138.911,
1.8 to afford students needed opportunities to learn effectively without remediation; to
1.9 acknowledge and reinforce the language proficiency and cultural awareness that diverse
1.10 language speakers possess; to encourage students' proficiency in history, civics, social
1.11 studies, languages, literature, geography, and other areas of learning collectively known
1.12 as the humanities; and to provide new and experienced teachers with sufficient staff
1.13 development resources and support to effectively work to close the student achievement
1.14 gap. This appropriation is part of the base budget for subsequent fiscal years.