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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; creating a grant program for community arts education;
1.3 appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH FINE ARTS.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Establishment and administration.** A grant program is established
1.7 to provide funding to create, maintain, and promote community arts and cultural education
1.8 centers. The Minnesota Board of the Arts and regional arts councils shall administer the
1.9 grant program in the form and manner specified by the board, but must give preference to
1.10 the applications that offer comprehensive arts education and collaboration with school
1.11 districts or other educational organizations.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Eligibility and application.** A community arts or cultural education
1.13 center located within a district with at least one school site in which student achievement
1.14 levels do not meet state and local expectations under section 120B.35, subdivision 2,
1.15 paragraph (a), is eligible to apply for a grant under subdivision 1. An application must
1.16 be made by a nonprofit corporation or cultural organizations and describe the program in
1.17 detail. The grant recipient must make opportunities available to students at schools where
1.18 student achievement does not meet state and local expectations. The application must be
1.19 accompanied by scientifically based research showing that similar fine arts programs
1.20 have had the impact of raising reading or mathematics skills of students participating
1.21 in these programs.

1.22 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.1 Subdivision 1. **Minnesota Board of the Arts.** The sums indicated in this section
2.2 are appropriated from the arts and cultural heritage fund to the Minnesota Board of the
2.3 Arts for the fiscal year designated.

2.4 Subd. 2. **Grants for after-school fine arts programs.** For grants to school districts
2.5 to fund after-school fine arts programs under section 1:

2.6 \$ 5,000,000 2010

2.7 \$ 5,000,000 2011

2.8 The Minnesota Board of the Arts may hire one full-time equivalent staff person
2.9 to administer the grant program.

2.10 Up to \$..... of each year's appropriation may be used for program evaluation.