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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 higher education; establishing a pilot program to integrate basic
1.3 education and technical education for low-income students; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; INTEGRATED EDUCATION GRANT PILOT**
1.6 **PROGRAM.**

1.7 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund for fiscal year 2011 to the Board
1.8 of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for grants to colleges for
1.9 a pilot program that provides integrated educational programming for low-income
1.10 students. The education must combine occupational English, adult basic education, and
1.11 technical education for employment through a program that is developed and delivered in
1.12 cooperation with a local adult basic education provider and a local workforce center. The
1.13 program must provide literacy education and workforce skills at the same time and in the
1.14 same location. Adult basic education and the workforce center must work in partnership
1.15 with the college to deliver a program that more effectively serves low-income students who
1.16 have competing demands of home, work, and education so these students can complete an
1.17 integrated educational program and find employment in a career with a family wage.

1.18 Each pilot project must report to the board on the program. The board must report
1.19 to the committees of the legislature responsible for higher education finance with an
1.20 interim report on the pilot projects by March 15, 2011, and the board must make a final
1.21 report by March 15, 2012, with recommendations for the continuation or expansion of the
1.22 integrated education grant pilot program.

1.23 The appropriation under this section is a onetime appropriation that is available
1.24 until the end of fiscal year 2012.