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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1944

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to arts and culture; appropriating money for regional library systems.
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

1.5 \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from
1.6 the arts and cultural heritage fund to the commissioner of education for grants to the 12
1.7 Minnesota regional library systems to provide educational opportunities in the arts, history,
1.8 literary arts, and cultural heritage of Minnesota. The money must be allocated using the
1.9 formulas in Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355, subdivisions 3, 4, and 5, with the remaining
1.10 25 percent to be distributed to all qualifying systems in an amount proportionate to the
1.11 number of qualifying system entities in each system. For purposes of this section, "qualifying
1.12 system entity" means a public library, a regional library system, a regional library system
1.13 headquarters, a county, or an outreach service program. The money may be used to sponsor
1.14 programs provided by regional libraries or to provide grants to local arts and cultural heritage
1.15 programs for programs in partnership with regional libraries. The money must be distributed
1.16 in ten equal payments per year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
1.17 appropriations encumbered on or before June 30, 2023, as grants or contracts under this
1.18 section are available until June 30, 2025.