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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 4880

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; authorizing a grant to the Greater Minneapolis Council
1.3 of Churches for the Tech Teens and Genius Labs programs; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; TECH TEENS AND GENIUS LABS PROGRAMS.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sum indicated in this section is
1.7 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal year
1.8 designated.

1.9 Subd. 2. Tech Teens and Genius Labs. (a) For a grant to the Greater Minneapolis
1.10 Council of Churches for the Tech Teens and Genius Labs programs:

1.11 \$ 250,000 ..... 2023

1.12 (b) The Tech Teens program must use grant funds to expand opportunities for high
1.13 school students to develop digital technology skills, including using funds to encourage
1.14 additional student participation in the program, create student fellowships, provide hands-on
1.15 opportunities, and develop a digital technology curriculum for its programming that can be
1.16 shared and replicated by other programs.

1.17 (c) The Genius Labs program must use grant funds to provide support for digital learning
1.18 and homework support, including using funds to provide group activities and hands-on
1.19 experience to build social-emotional learning skills; provide adult mentoring for students,
1.20 create opportunities for students to explore career and vocational options through internships
1.21 and mentorships; and offer trauma-informed mental health support, as needed, for program
1.22 participants.

2.1 (d) The Tech Teens and Genius Labs programs may be offered after regular school  
2.2 hours, on weekends, and during the summer.

2.3 (e) Prior to awarding the grant, the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches must  
2.4 submit to the commissioner of education a description of the programs' goals and strategies  
2.5 for the Tech Teens and Genius Labs programs consistent with the evidence-based grant  
2.6 requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.20. The Greater Minneapolis Council of  
2.7 Churches must issue a preliminary report on the program's status on January 15, 2023, and  
2.8 submit a final report consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.20.

2.9 (f) This appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.

2.10 (g) This is a onetime appropriation.