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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

For a number of years, the omnibus K12 education funding bill has contained appropriations for certain children's museum programs. For fiscal year 2015, the omnibus bill appropriated \$260,000 for the Minnesota Children's Museum, \$50,000 for the Duluth Children's museum, \$75,000 for The Works Museum in Bloomington, and \$50,000 for the Headwaters Science Center. The appropriations for the Minnesota Children's Museum and the Duluth Children's Museum are part of the budget base. The appropriations to The Works Museum and the Headwaters Science Center were onetime appropriations.

Some museum programs have also been partially funded through legacy grants.

This bill appropriates \$100,000 per year from the state general fund to the commissioner of education for a grant to the Duluth Children's Museum for "hands-on" science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) exhibits.

### Section

- 1 Appropriation.** Appropriates \$100,000 per year to the Duluth Children's Museum for hands-on STEM exhibits.