

Subject Grant to Reach Out and Read Minnesota program

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Summary

This bill appropriates \$250,000 in each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025 to the Department of Education for a grant to the Reach Out and Read Minnesota program. The funding is ongoing. The Reach Out and Read Minnesota program must use the grant money to develop and implement a plan that: (1) integrates children's books and parent education into well-child doctor's visits; (2) creates literacy-rich environments in health care clinics; (3) works with different types of health care clinics and health centers, including in underserved areas; and (4) trains medical professionals about speaking with parents of young children about the importance of early literacy. The plan must be implemented statewide by 2030.