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H. F. No. 643

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Innovation Policy
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; modifying Principals' Leadership Institute provisions;
1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.74.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.74, is amended to read:

1.6 122A.74 PRINCIPALS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Establishment. (a) The commissioner of education may contract
1.8 with the Minnesota State University Mankato or the regents of the University of Minnesota
1.9 to establish a Principals' Leadership Institute to provide licensed principals in Minnesota
1.10 with a research-based and independently evaluated professional development to school
1.11 principals program focused on instructional and organizational leadership by:

1.12 (1) creating a network of leaders in the educational and business communities to
1.13 communicate current and future trends in leadership techniques;

1.14 (2) helping to create a vision for the school that is aligned with the community and
1.15 district priorities and that utilizes strategic thinking in an ongoing review of the vision;

1.16 (3) developing strategies to retain highly qualified teachers and ensure that diverse
1.17 student populations, including at-risk students, children with disabilities, English learners,
1.18 and gifted students, among others, have equal access to these highly qualified teachers; and

1.19 (4) providing training to analyze data using culturally competent tools.

1.20 (b) The University of Minnesota and Minnesota State University Mankato must
1.21 cooperate with participating members of the business community and educational leaders
1.22 to provide funding and content for the institute.

1.23 (c) Participants must agree to attend all sessions of the Principals' Leadership
1.24 Institute for four weeks during the academic summer.

2.1 (d) The Principals' Leadership Institute must incorporate program elements offered
 2.2 by leadership programs at the University of Minnesota ~~and~~, program elements used by
 2.3 the participating members of the business community ~~to enhance leadership within their~~
 2.4 ~~businesses~~, and current research-based practices in educational leadership.

2.5 Subd. 2. **Method of selection and requirements.** (a) The board of each school
 2.6 district and charter school in the state may select a licensed principal or school leader,
 2.7 upon the recommendation of the district's superintendent ~~and~~ or charter school's board of
 2.8 directors, based on the principal's leadership potential, to ~~attend the institute~~ apply to the
 2.9 Principals' Leadership Institute.

2.10 (b) The school board annually shall forward its list of recommended participants
 2.11 to the commissioner by February 1. In addition, a principal or school leader may submit
 2.12 an application directly to the ~~commissioner~~ administrator of the Principals' Leadership
 2.13 Institute by February 1. A committee comprised of the commissioner of education or
 2.14 the commissioner's designee, the executive directors of the Minnesota Association of
 2.15 School Administrators, the Minnesota Elementary Principals Association, the Minnesota
 2.16 Association of Secondary School Principals, the Minnesota Association of Charter
 2.17 Schools, and Charter School Partners shall make recommendations to the university from
 2.18 the applicants. The recommended applicants shall be regionally diverse and include
 2.19 charter school leaders. The administrator of the Principals' Leadership Institute shall select
 2.20 applicants and notify the applicants and their recommending organizations of the selected
 2.21 applicants to participate in the Principals' Leadership Institute each year. The commissioner
 2.22 shall notify the school board, the principal candidates, and the University of Minnesota of
 2.23 the principals selected to participate in the Principals' Leadership Institute each year.

2.24 Subd. 3. **Program delivery.** A Principals' Leadership Institute shall be offered
 2.25 annually in the seven-county metropolitan area and in greater Minnesota. The Principals'
 2.26 Leadership Institute in greater Minnesota shall be at one of the designated Centers of
 2.27 Excellence in cooperation with the Department of Education.

2.28 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.29 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2016 and \$..... in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated to
 2.30 the commissioner of education for a grant to the Principals' Leadership Institute under
 2.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.74, to reduce the costs to participants or schools to
 2.32 \$2,000 per participant.

2.33 (b) If the appropriation under paragraph (a) is insufficient to fully fund all applicants,
 2.34 the commissioner of education must first award grants to programs that can demonstrate
 2.35 to the commissioner that the program uses a model for effective school leadership that

- 3.1 contributes to significant increases in student achievement as measured by independent
- 3.2 research.