

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

S.F. No. 735

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/25/2013	386	Introduction and first reading Referred to Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development
03/21/2013	1367a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Judiciary
04/02/2013	1527	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to state government; authorizing grants to private nonprofit entities that
 1.3 assist in dispute resolution; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes
 1.4 2012, section 179.02, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 179.02, is amended by adding a
 1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 6. **Grants.** (a) The commissioner of mediation services may make grants
 1.9 to private nonprofit entities that assist in resolution of disputes. The commissioner
 1.10 shall establish a grant review committee to assist the commissioner in review of grant
 1.11 applications under this subdivision.

1.12 (b) To be eligible for a grant under this subdivision, a nonprofit organization must
 1.13 meet the requirements of section 494.05, subdivision 1, clauses (1), (2), (4), and (5).

1.14 (c) A grant agreement may include performance-based standards that apply to a
 1.15 specified percentage of the potential grant amount. A grant may include a requirement for
 1.16 a matching contribution from a nonstate source.

1.17 (d) A nonprofit entity receiving a grant must, as a condition of the grant, agree to
 1.18 comply with guidelines adopted by the state court administrator under section 494.015,
 1.19 subdivision 1, and with other conditions the commissioner may impose. Sections
 1.20 16B.97 and 16B.98 and policies adopted under those sections apply to grants under this
 1.21 subdivision. The exclusions in section 494.03 apply to grants under this subdivision.

1.22 (e) Grantees must report to the commissioner data required under chapter 494 and
 1.23 additional information required by the commissioner to evaluate quality and outcomes.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.2 \$750,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of mediation
2.3 services for the biennium ending June 30, 2015, for grants under Minnesota Statutes,
2.4 section 179.02, subdivision 6.