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A bill for an act

relating to education; authorizing grants for robotics programs; requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. **ROBOTICS PROGRAM GRANTS; APPROPRIATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Grant program established.** The commissioner of education must establish a program to provide competitive grants to schools that support high school robotics teams.

Subd. 2. **Eligibility; application.** A school district or charter school is eligible to apply for a grant under this section in the form and manner determined by the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Allowable uses.** Grant money may be used for:

(1) operational costs for school robotics programs, including new and existing programs;

(2) stipends for robotics program coaches; and

(3) robotics competition event registrations, materials, travel costs, and other expenses associated with preparation for and attendance at robotics events and competitions.

Subd. 4. **Administration.** The commissioner shall award grants to qualified applicants. Each grant application must include a program budget and planned allowable uses of grant money submitted as part of the grant application.

Subd. 5. **Report required.** (a) The commissioner of education must submit a written report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education. The report must identify the

grant recipients under this section and summarize the planned grant-funded activities of the grant recipients.

(b) Each grant recipient must submit a report to the commissioner detailing the outcomes of the grant-funded activities, including a description of how the robotics program enhances the college and career readiness of participants.

Subd. 6. **Appropriations.** The sums indicated are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education for the fiscal years designated for grants to support competitive robotics programs.

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