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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; establishing school-linked substance abuse grants;  
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
1.4 254B.

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

1.6 Section 1. 254B.17 SCHOOL-LINKED SUBSTANCE ABUSE GRANTS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner of human services shall establish a  
1.8 school-linked substance abuse grant program to provide early identification of and  
1.9 intervention for secondary school students with substance use disorder needs, and to build  
1.10 the capacity of secondary schools to support students with substance use disorder needs in  
1.11 the classroom.

1.12 Subd. 2. Eligible applicant. (a) An eligible applicant for a school-linked substance  
1.13 abuse grant is an entity or individual that is:

1.14 (1) licensed under chapter 245G and in compliance with the general requirements in  
1.15 chapters 245A, 245C, and 260E, section 626.557, and Minnesota Rules, chapter 9544; or

1.16 (2) an alcohol and drug counselor licensed under chapter 148F and in compliance with  
1.17 section 245G.11, subdivision 5.

1.18 Subd. 3. Allowable grant activities and related expenses. (a) Allowable grant activities  
1.19 and related expenses may include but are not limited to:

1.20 (1) identifying and diagnosing substance use disorders of students;

1.21 (2) delivering substance use disorder treatment and services to students and their families,  
1.22 including via telemedicine;

2.1 (3) supporting families in meeting their child's needs, including navigating health care,  
 2.2 social service, and juvenile justice systems;

2.3 (4) providing transportation for students receiving school-linked substance use disorder  
 2.4 treatment services when school is not in session;

2.5 (5) building the capacity of schools to meet the needs of students with substance use  
 2.6 disorder concerns, including school staff development activities for licensed and nonlicensed  
 2.7 staff; and

2.8 (6) purchasing equipment, connection charges, on-site coordination, setup fees, and site  
 2.9 fees in order to deliver school-linked substance use disorder treatment services via  
 2.10 telemedicine.

2.11 (b) Grantees shall obtain all available third-party reimbursement sources as a condition  
 2.12 of receiving a grant. For purposes of the grant program, a third-party reimbursement source  
 2.13 excludes a public school as defined in section 120A.20, subdivision 1. Grantees shall serve  
 2.14 each student regardless of the student's health coverage status or ability to pay.

2.15 (c) Prior to issuing a request for proposals for grants under this section, the commissioner  
 2.16 shall award grants to eligible applicants that are currently providing substance use disorder  
 2.17 treatment services in secondary schools or that are currently providing school-linked mental  
 2.18 health services but have the demonstrated capacity to provide allowable substance use  
 2.19 disorder treatment services in secondary schools.

2.20 Subd. 4. **Data collection and outcome measurement.** Grantees shall provide data to  
 2.21 the commissioner for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the school-linked  
 2.22 substance use disorder treatment grant program.

2.23 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.24 \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
 2.25 human services for school-linked substance abuse grants under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 2.26 254B.17. This appropriation is added to the base.