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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; requiring the commissioner of human services to seek federal

1.3 funding to implement an opioid awareness grant program for high school and

1.4 college students; requiring a report.

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

1.6 Section 1. **STUDENT HEALTH INITIATIVE TO LIMIT OPIOID HARM.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Grant awards.** The commissioner of human services, in consultation

1.8 with the commissioner of education, the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges

1.9 and Universities, and the regents of the University of Minnesota, shall develop and administer

1.10 a program to award grants to high school students in grades 9 through 12 and undergraduate

1.11 students attending a Minnesota postsecondary educational institution, and their community

1.12 partner or partners, to conduct opioid awareness and opioid abuse prevention activities. If

1.13 a grant proposal includes more than one community partner, the proposal must designate a

1.14 primary community partner. Grant applications must be submitted by the primary community

1.15 partner and any grant award must be managed by the primary community partner on behalf

1.16 of high school and undergraduate student applicants and grantees. Grants shall be awarded

1.17 for a fiscal year and are onetime.

1.18 Subd. 2. **Grant criteria.** (a) Grant dollars may be used for opioid awareness campaigns

1.19 and events, education related to opioid addiction and abuse prevention, initiatives to limit

1.20 inappropriate opioid prescriptions, peer education programs targeted to students at high risk

1.21 of opioid addiction and abuse, and other related initiatives as approved by the commissioner.

1.22 Grant projects must include one or more of the following components as they relate to opioid

2.1 abuse and prevention and the role of the community partner: high-risk populations, law
2.2 enforcement, education, clinical services, or social services.

2.3 (b) The commissioner of human services shall seek to provide grant funding for at least
2.4 one proposal that addresses opioid abuse in the American Indian community.

2.5 Subd. 3. **Community partners.** For purposes of the grant program, community partners
2.6 may include but are not limited to public health agencies; local law enforcement; community
2.7 health centers; medical clinics; emergency medical service professionals; schools and
2.8 postsecondary educational institutions; opioid addiction, advocacy, and recovery
2.9 organizations; tribal governments; local chambers of commerce; and city councils and
2.10 county boards.

2.11 Subd. 4. **Report.** The commissioner of human services shall report to the chairs and
2.12 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and
2.13 human services policy and finance, K-12 education policy and finance, and higher education
2.14 policy and finance by September 1, 2019, on the implementation of the grant program and
2.15 the grants awarded under this section.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective only upon receipt of federal grant funding
2.17 awarded in response to an application by the commissioner of human services under section
2.18 2.

2.19 **Sec. 2. FEDERAL GRANTS.**

2.20 (a) The commissioner of human services shall apply for any federal grant funding that
2.21 aligns with the purposes of section 1. If awarded federal grant funding, the commissioner
2.22 shall develop and administer an opioid awareness and abuse prevention program in a manner
2.23 consistent with the requirements of section 1, to the extent allowed under the federal grant.
2.24 The commissioner shall submit to the legislature any changes to the program established
2.25 under section 1 that are necessary to comply with the terms of the federal grant.

2.26 (b) The commissioner shall notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the
2.27 legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance,
2.28 K-12 education policy and finance, and higher education policy and finance of any grant
2.29 applications submitted and any federal actions taken related to the grant applications.