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H. F. No. 3085

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; clarifying qualified providers of mental health services for
1.3 innovative mental health grants to intermediate school districts; amending Laws
1.4 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 56.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 56, is amended
1.7 to read:

1.8 Sec. 56. **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH**
1.9 **INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION.**

1.10 (a) \$2,450,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$2,450,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated
1.11 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant program to fund
1.12 innovative projects to improve mental health outcomes for youth attending a qualifying
1.13 school unit.

1.14 (b) A "qualifying school unit" means an intermediate district organized under Minnesota
1.15 Statutes, section 136D.01, or a service cooperative organized under Minnesota Statutes,
1.16 section 123A.21, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), that provides instruction to students
1.17 in a setting of federal instructional level 4 or higher. Grants under paragraph (a) must be
1.18 awarded to eligible applicants such that the services are proportionately provided among
1.19 qualifying school units. The commissioner shall calculate the share of the appropriation to
1.20 be used in each qualifying school unit by dividing the qualifying school unit's average daily
1.21 membership in a setting of federal instructional level 4 or higher for fiscal year 2016 by the
1.22 total average daily membership in a setting of federal instructional level 4 or higher for the
1.23 same year for all qualifying school units.

2.1 (c) An eligible applicant is an entity that has demonstrated capacity to serve the youth
2.2 identified in paragraph (a) and that is:

2.3 (1) certified under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0750 to 9520.0870;

2.4 (2) a community mental health center under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625,
2.5 subdivision 5;

2.6 (3) an Indian health service facility or facility owned and operated by a tribe or tribal
2.7 organization operating under United States Code, title 25, section 5321; ~~or~~

2.8 (4) a provider of children's therapeutic services and supports as defined in Minnesota
2.9 Statutes, section 256B.0943; or

2.10 (5) enrolled in medical assistance as a mental health or substance use disorder provider
2.11 agency and must employ at least two full-time equivalent mental health professionals as
2.12 defined in section 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses (1) to (6), or alcohol and drug counselors
2.13 licensed or exempt from licensure under chapter 148F who are qualified to provide clinical
2.14 services to children and families.

2.15 (d) An eligible applicant must employ or contract with at least two licensed mental health
2.16 professionals as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 245.4871, subdivision 27, clauses
2.17 (1) to (6), who have formal training in evidence-based practices.

2.18 (e) A qualifying school unit must submit an application to the commissioner in the form
2.19 and manner specified by the commissioner. The commissioner may approve an application
2.20 that describes models for innovative projects to serve the needs of the schools and students.
2.21 The commissioner may provide technical assistance to the qualifying school unit. The
2.22 commissioner shall then solicit grant project proposals and award grant funding to the
2.23 eligible applicants whose project proposals best meet the requirements of this section and
2.24 most closely adhere to the models created by the intermediate districts and service
2.25 cooperatives.

2.26 (f) To receive grant funding, an eligible applicant must obtain a letter of support for the
2.27 applicant's grant project proposal from each qualifying school unit the eligible applicant is
2.28 proposing to serve. An eligible applicant must also demonstrate the following:

2.29 (1) the ability to seek third-party reimbursement for services;

2.30 (2) the ability to report data and outcomes as required by the commissioner; and

2.31 (3) the existence of partnerships with counties, tribes, substance use disorder providers,
2.32 and mental health service providers, including providers of mobile crisis services.

3.1 (g) Grantees shall obtain all available third-party reimbursement sources as a condition
3.2 of receiving grant funds. For purposes of this grant program, a third-party reimbursement
3.3 source does not include a public school as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.20,
3.4 subdivision 1.

3.5 (h) The base budget for this program is \$0. This appropriation is available until June 30,
3.6 2020.

3.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.