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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education finance; appropriating money for the support our students

1.3 grant program; amending Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 56,

1.4 subdivisions 2, 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 56, subdivision 2, is amended to

1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Purpose.** The purpose of the support our students grant program is to:

1.9 (1) address shortages of student support services personnel within Minnesota schools;

1.10 (2) decrease caseloads for existing student support services personnel to ensure effective

1.11 services;

1.12 (3) ensure that students receive effective academic guidance and integrated and

1.13 comprehensive services to improve ~~kindergarten~~ prekindergarten through grade 12 school

1.14 outcomes and career and college readiness;

1.15 (4) ensure that student support services personnel serve within the scope and practice

1.16 of their training and licensure;

1.17 (5) fully integrate learning supports, instruction, and school management within a

1.18 comprehensive approach that facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration; and

1.19 (6) improve school safety and school climate to support academic success and career

1.20 and college readiness.

2.1 Sec. 2. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 56, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 3. **Grant eligibility and application.** (a) A school district, charter school,
2.3 intermediate school district, or other cooperative unit is eligible to apply for a six-year
2.4 matching grant under this section. Beginning July 1, 2019, once a six-year grant is awarded,
2.5 the commissioner shall ensure funds are available for all six years of the grant.

2.6 (b) The commissioner of education shall specify the form and manner of the grant
2.7 application. In awarding grants, the commissioner must give priority to schools in which
2.8 student support services personnel positions do not currently exist. To the extent practicable,
2.9 the commissioner must award grants equally between applicants in metro counties and
2.10 nonmetro counties. Additional criteria must include at least the following:

- 2.11 (1) existing student support services personnel caseloads;
- 2.12 (2) school demographics;
- 2.13 (3) Title I revenue;
- 2.14 (4) Minnesota student survey data;
- 2.15 (5) graduation rates; and
- 2.16 (6) postsecondary completion rates.

2.17 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.18 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
2.19 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
2.20 designated.

2.21 Subd. 2. Support our students grant program. (a) For grants to eligible schools under
2.22 the support our students grant program:

2.23	\$	<u>30,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2020</u>
2.24	\$	<u>20,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2021</u>

2.25 (b) To the extent practicable, the commissioner shall ensure funds are available in each
2.26 year of the six-year grant period to each qualifying entity. Up to \$100,000 in each fiscal
2.27 year may be retained by the commissioner for administration of the grant program.

2.28 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. This
2.29 is a onetime appropriation.

3.1 Sec. 4. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

3.2 The revisor of statutes shall codify Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 25, section 56, as
3.3 amended, as Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.395, in the next publication of Minnesota
3.4 Statutes.

3.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.