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H. F. No. 732

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; increasing funding for school-linked mental health
1.3 grants; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4889,
1.4 subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4889, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. Establishment and authority. (a) The commissioner is authorized to
1.8 make grants from available appropriations to assist:

1.9 (1) counties;

1.10 (2) Indian tribes;

1.11 (3) children's collaboratives under section 124D.23 or 245.493; or

1.12 (4) mental health service providers.

1.13 (b) The following services are eligible for grants under this section:

1.14 (1) services to children with emotional disturbances as defined in section 245.4871,
1.15 subdivision 15, and their families;

1.16 (2) transition services under section 245.4875, subdivision 8, for young adults under
1.17 age 21 and their families;

1.18 (3) respite care services for children with severe emotional disturbances who are at risk
1.19 of out-of-home placement;

1.20 (4) children's mental health crisis services;

- 2.1 (5) mental health services for people from cultural and ethnic minorities;
- 2.2 (6) children's mental health screening and follow-up diagnostic assessment and treatment;
- 2.3 (7) services to promote and develop the capacity of providers to use evidence-based
2.4 practices in providing children's mental health services;
- 2.5 (8) school-linked mental health services, ~~including transportation for children receiving~~
2.6 ~~school-linked mental health services when school is not in session;~~
- 2.7 (9) building evidence-based mental health intervention capacity for children birth to age
2.8 five;
- 2.9 (10) suicide prevention and counseling services that use text messaging statewide;
- 2.10 (11) mental health first aid training;
- 2.11 (12) training for parents, collaborative partners, and mental health providers on the
2.12 impact of adverse childhood experiences and trauma and development of an interactive
2.13 website to share information and strategies to promote resilience and prevent trauma;
- 2.14 (13) transition age services to develop or expand mental health treatment and supports
2.15 for adolescents and young adults 26 years of age or younger;
- 2.16 (14) early childhood mental health consultation;
- 2.17 (15) evidence-based interventions for youth at risk of developing or experiencing a first
2.18 episode of psychosis, and a public awareness campaign on the signs and symptoms of
2.19 psychosis;
- 2.20 (16) psychiatric consultation for primary care practitioners; and
- 2.21 (17) providers to begin operations and meet program requirements when establishing a
2.22 new children's mental health program. These may be start-up grants.
- 2.23 (c) Services under paragraph (b) must be designed to help each child to function and
2.24 remain with the child's family in the community and delivered consistent with the child's
2.25 treatment plan. Transition services to eligible young adults under this paragraph must be
2.26 designed to foster independent living in the community.
- 2.27 (d) As a condition of receiving grant funds, a grantee must obtain all available third-party
2.28 reimbursement sources, if applicable.
- 2.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2019.

3.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 245.4889, is amended by adding a subdivision
3.2 to read:

3.3 Subd. 1a. **School-linked mental health services grants.** (a) An eligible applicant for
3.4 school-linked mental health services grants under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (8),
3.5 is an entity that is:

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

3.7 (2) a community mental health center under section 256B.0625, subdivision 5;

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

3.10 (4) a provider of children's therapeutic services and supports as defined in section
3.11 256B.0943; or

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

3.17 (b) Allowable grant expenses include transportation for children receiving school-linked
3.18 mental health services when school is not in session, and may be used to purchase equipment,
3.19 connection charges, on-site coordination, set-up fees, and site fees in order to deliver
3.20 school-linked mental health services defined in subdivision 1a via telemedicine consistent
3.21 with section 256B.0625, subdivision 3b.

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

3.23 **Sec. 3. APPROPRIATIONS; COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.**

3.24 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
3.25 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal year
3.26 designated.

3.27 Subd. 2. **Children's school-linked mental health services grants.** (a) For transfer to
3.28 the Department of Human Services for children's school-linked mental health services grants
3.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 245.4889, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (8),
3.30 including the delivery of school-linked mental health services by telemedicine:

3.31 \$ 10,120,000 2020

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4.1 (b) This appropriation is in addition to any other amount specifically appropriated for
4.2 this purpose.

4.3 (c) Grants must be used to expand services, including to school districts or counties in
4.4 which school-linked mental health services are not currently available.

4.5 (d) Up to \$120,000 per year of this appropriation may be used for administrative expenses.

4.6 (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

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