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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Education Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; establishing a comprehensive school mental health services
1.3 lead position; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 127A.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[127A.20] COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**
1.7 **LEAD.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Lead position established.** The department must employ a lead to serve
1.9 as a source of information and support for schools in addressing students' mental health
1.10 needs and developing comprehensive school mental health systems.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Assistance to districts.** (a) The lead must assist schools in assessing the quality
1.12 of their comprehensive school mental health systems and developing improvement plans
1.13 to implement evidence-based mental health resources, tools, and practices in school districts
1.14 throughout Minnesota.

1.15 (b) The comprehensive school mental health services lead must work with school districts
1.16 to improve mental health infrastructure support by:

1.17 (1) developing guidance and sharing resources on improving the quality of comprehensive
1.18 school mental health systems;

1.19 (2) developing and sharing resources on evidence-based strategies, behavioral
1.20 interventions, and practices or techniques for addressing students' mental health needs,
1.21 including implementing a comprehensive approach to suicide prevention;

2.1 (3) maintaining a list of local, state, and national mental health resources for school
 2.2 districts, including public and private funding opportunities, community-based prevention
 2.3 and intervention services, model policies, training for teachers and other district staff, and
 2.4 other resources for mental health education under section 120B.21;

2.5 (4) providing advice, upon request, to school districts on implementing trauma-informed
 2.6 and culturally responsive school-based programs that provide prevention or intervention
 2.7 services to students;

2.8 (5) posting resources on the Department of Education website that school districts may
 2.9 use to address students' mental health needs; and

2.10 (6) maintaining a comprehensive list of school district best practices to address students'
 2.11 mental health needs.

2.12 (c) The lead may report to the legislature as necessary regarding students' mental health
 2.13 needs, challenges in developing comprehensive school mental health services, successful
 2.14 strategies and outcomes, and recommendations for integrating mental health services and
 2.15 supports in schools.

2.16 Subd. 3. **Coordination with other agencies.** The comprehensive school mental health
 2.17 services lead must consult with the Regional Centers of Excellence, the Department of
 2.18 Health, the Department of Human Services, the Minnesota School Safety Center, and other
 2.19 federal, state, and local agencies as necessary to identify or develop information, training,
 2.20 and resources to help school districts support students' mental health needs.

2.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021.

2.22 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH**
 2.23 **SERVICES LEAD.**

2.24 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
 2.25 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal years
 2.26 designated.

2.27 Subd. 2. **Comprehensive school mental health services lead.** (a) For the comprehensive
 2.28 school mental health services lead under Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.20:

2.29 \$ 2022

2.30 \$ 2023

2.31 (b) The base for fiscal year 2024 and thereafter is \$.....