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S.F. No. 3330

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A bill for an act

relating to agriculture; appropriating money for organic agriculture transition grants.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION; ORGANIC TRANSITION GRANTS.

\$..... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants of up to \$..... to farmers who demonstrate financial hardship due to the three-year transition period required under federal law for organic certification. This appropriation is in addition to funds appropriated to the commissioner of agriculture and available for organic certification cost-share grants under Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3. The commissioner may award both a transition grant and a certification cost-share grant to a farmer in the same fiscal year.