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Overview

Proposes to use character development education revenue to establish a pilot program to provide approved character development education curriculum.

Section

1 Character development education revenue; pilot program.

Subd. 1. Pilot program created. Creates a pilot program that allows school districts to receive character development education revenue equal to \$30 times a school district's adjusted marginal cost pupil units in order to purchase curriculum for character education instruction.

Subd. 2. Approved provider list. Directs the education commissioner to maintain a list of approved character development education curriculum providers. Requires approved providers to be researched based and having at least one completed five-year relational study by an independent party. Requires approved curriculum to include: age appropriate character development for K-12 classrooms; curriculum for extracurricular activities; staff development; plans for school assemblies; midyear consulting between the school district and the provider; and an assessment program.

Subd. 3. Application and selection process. Allows interested school districts to apply to the education commissioner for funding. Directs the commissioner to approve applications that conform to this proposal within 30 days on a first-come, first-served basis.

Section

Makes this section effective immediately.

2 Appropriation.

Subd. 1. Department of education. Appropriates the indicated sum from the general fund to the education department in the designated fiscal year.

Subd. 2. Character development education. Appropriates an unspecified sum in fiscal year 2007 for character development education revenue.