

Approved by
Revisor of Statutes

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1.1 Poppe from the Agriculture and Food Finance and Policy Division to which was referred:

1.2 H. F. No. 232, A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating additional money
1.3 for farm advocates and mental health counseling support for farm families and business
1.4 operators; amending Laws 2017, chapter 88, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5.

1.5 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.6 Page 1, delete section 1 and insert:

1.7 "Section 1. CANCELLATION.

1.8 Of the amount appropriated to the commissioner of agriculture for the agricultural growth,
1.9 research, and innovation program for fiscal year 2019 in Laws 2017, chapter 88, article 1,
1.10 section 2, subdivision 4, \$100,000 is canceled to the general fund.

1.11 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

1.12 (a) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.13 of agriculture for the following purposes:

1.14 (1) \$15,000 is for transfer to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
1.15 Universities to increase compensation for the counselor currently providing statewide mental
1.16 health counseling support to farm families and business operators through the Minnesota
1.17 State Agricultural Centers of Excellence. South Central College and Central Lakes College
1.18 shall serve as the fiscal agents;

1.19 (2) \$40,000 is for transfer to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and
1.20 Universities to provide additional statewide mental health counseling support to farm families
1.21 and business operators through the Minnesota State Agricultural Centers of Excellence.
1.22 South Central College and Central Lakes College shall serve as the fiscal agents;

1.23 (3) \$30,000 is for farmer mental health marketing and training coordination; and

2.1 (4) \$15,000 is to increase funding for farm advocate services and farmer-lender mediators.

2.2 (b) This is a onetime appropriation."

2.3 Renumber the sections in sequence

2.4 Amend the title as follows:

2.5 Page 1, line 2, after "advocates" insert ", farmer-lender mediators,"

2.6 With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be returned to the Committee
2.7 on Ways and Means.

2.8 This Division action taken February 21, 2019

2.9 Chair