Overview

Proposes to create a statewide youth athletic program based upon a program established in 1998 for the Minneapolis school district and park and recreation board.

1 Youth athletic program. (a) Changes a demonstration youth athletic grant program through the Minneapolis school district and park and recreation board into a statewide program.

(b) Changes the locations of the programs to schools in communities where a school facility and a community park and recreation facility are jointly located and where the school district has established a neighborhood-based school.

(c) Requires program funds to be used to coordinate the program between local recreational professionals and licensed district teachers, provide internships for students at post-secondary institutions to work in the program, retain master coaches to train other coaches, pay transportation and facilities costs, and provide assistance to neighborhood park athletic councils.

(d) Strikes language requiring the Minneapolis school district and park board to report to the commissioner on the program outcome, allowing up to $10,000 of the appropriation to be used for planning purposes, and directing the commissioner to report to the legislature on the advisability of creating a statewide program. Describes the grant application process. Allows the commissioner to award grants to qualified applicants throughout the state. Restricts the grant amount an applicant may receive to 20 percent of the total amount of all grants awarded in one year.

2 Appropriation.

Subd. 1. Department of children, families and learning. Appropriated the indicated sums from the general fund to the department of children, families and learning in the designated fiscal years.

Subd. 2. Youth athletic demonstration program. Appropriates $10,000,000 in fiscal year 2000 for a youth athletic program under section 1. Makes the appropriation available until June

3 **Revisor instruction.** Directs the revisor to codify section 1.