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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Appropriates money for grants to school districts that receive Minnesota Council for Quality recognition for achievement or excellence in organization and performance so that these districts may disseminate information and provide guidance to other districts and stakeholders.

#### Section

#### 1 **Quality achievement grants to Minnesota schools.**

**Subd. 1. Purpose.** Proposes to provide financial assistance to allow school districts to participate in the organizational assessment and performance improvement process of the Minnesota Council for Quality. Intends for school districts that achieve higher performance levels to disseminate information and provide guidance to other districts and stakeholders. Defines improvement in terms of building upon existing organizational structures, processes and achievements.

**Subd. 2. Diligence grants.** Allows school districts to apply to the education commissioner for grants of up to \$20,000. Requires the application to document district activities to receive Minnesota Council for Quality recognition and a plan to improve learning and district performance. Limits the total amount of the grants to \$300,000 annually. Requires districts to wait one year after receiving a grant before applying for a subsequent grant.

**Subd. 3. Role model grants.** Allows school districts that received Minnesota Council for Quality recognition for achievement or excellence to apply to the education commissioner within a year of the recognition for a role model grant of up to \$500,000 to use in developing, communicating and sharing district experience with other school districts and stakeholders. Allows school districts that received Minnesota Council for Quality recognition for excellence to apply to the education commissioner within two and three years of the recognition for a grant of up to

\$100,000 to continue communicating and sharing information. Allows school districts that received a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award to apply for grants to share information.

**Subd. 4. Appropriations.** Appropriates \$1,300,000 in fiscal years 2010 and 2011 from the general fund to the education commissioner for diligence and role model grants. Makes the program base budget \$1,800,000 in fiscal years 2012 and later. Allows grant appropriations to be carried forward.