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Section

1 **Youth violence prevention.** Adds § 145.958. Requires the commissioner of health to provide certain technical assistance to certain eligible community-based youth violence prevention programs.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines "at-risk youth" for the purposes of this section.

Subd. 2. Violence prevention programs for at-risk youth. Permits community-based violence prevention programs to apply for technical assistance from the commissioner of health. Provides certain requirements for these community-based programs and lists interventions that may be included in these programs, such as, mentorships, job placement and support programs, chemical dependency and mental health interventions, a youth helpline, and street outreach workers.

Subd. 3. Coordination of prevention and intervention for programs for at-risk youth. Requires the commissioner of health, in collaboration with other state agencies, to identify five eligible community-based violence prevention programs in certain geographic regions. Requires the commissioner to provide technical support to these programs and to monitor the progress of the programs.

Requires the commissioner to apply for certain federal funding and provides that paragraphs (a) to (c) are effective contingent on the availability of funding.