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Overview

Allows the commissioner of education to contract with the Principals' Leadership Institute at the University of Minnesota or at the Minnesota State University Mankato to provide professional development programs to school principals and other school leaders in school districts and charter schools. Establishes an annual application, review, and selection process. Appropriates money for grants to offset participants' costs.

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1 Principals' Leadership Institute.

Subd. 1. Establishment. (a) Allows the education commissioner to contract with the Minnesota State University Mankato's or the University of Minnesota's Principals' Leadership Institute to provide professional development programs to school principals.

Subd. 2. Method of selection and requirements. (a) Allows charter schools and school districts to select a licensed principal or other school leader, with leadership potential, to apply to the Principals' Leadership Institute.

(b) Directs school boards to forward their list of recommended participants to the Principals' Leadership Institute administrator and allows a school principal or other school leader to apply directly. Requires a committee composed of the education commissioner and the executive directors of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators, the Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association, the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals, the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools, and Charter School Partners to recommend applicants to the institute

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administrator. Requires the institute administrator to select regionally diverse applicants that include charter school leaders and to notify the applicants and the recommending organizations.

Subd. 3. Program delivery. Requires a Principals' Leadership Institute to be offered annually in the metropolitan area and in greater Minnesota, which must be located at one of MDE's regional centers of excellence.

- 2 Appropriation.** (a) Appropriates unspecified sums in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for a grant to the Principals' Leadership Institute to offset participant costs.
- (b) If the appropriation under paragraph (a) is insufficient, directs the education commissioner to first award grants to programs using a model of effective leadership leading to increases in student achievement.