

**Subject** School-linked mental health grants

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## Overview

This bill proposes coding for a section outlining the requirements for school-linked mental health grants, administered by the commissioner of human services, and appropriates money.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Establishment and authority.</b></p> <p>Amends § 245.4889, subd. 1. Adds reference to new section detailing school-linked mental health grants; specifies that children’s mental health grantees must obtain all available third-party funding and reimbursement sources.</p>
2	<p><b>School-linked mental health grants.</b></p> <p>Proposes coding for § 245.4901.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Establishment.</b> Directs the commissioner of human services to establish a school-linked mental health grant program.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Eligible applicants.</b> Specifies grant applicants must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) certified as a mental health center or clinic;</li><li>(2) a community mental health center;</li><li>(3) an Indian health service facility or facility owned and operated by a tribe;</li><li>(4) a provider of children’s therapeutic services and supports; or</li><li>(5) enrolled in MA as a mental health or substance use disorder provider agency, with certain staff requirements.</li></ul> <p><b>Subd. 3. Allowable grant activities and related expenses.</b> (a) Lists allowable grant activities and services, and related expenses.</p>

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	<p>(b) Requires grantees to obtain all available third-party reimbursement sources, as a condition of receiving grant funds, excluding public schools. Requires grantees to serve students regardless of health coverage or ability to pay.</p>
	<p><b>Subd. 4. Data collection and outcome measurement.</b> Requires grantees to provide data to the commissioner to evaluate the program's effectiveness.</p>
	<p><b>Subd. 5. Specialized grants.</b> (a) Requires specialized grants to be made available to eligible applicants serving a public school program of federal instructional level 4 or higher.</p>
	<p>(b) Allows grant funds awarded under this subdivision to be used for innovative therapeutic teaching models.</p>
	<p>(c) Requires the commissioner to prioritize grants for applicants with more than 25 percent of the daily population served in a federal instructional level 4 setting.</p>
3	<p><b>Direction to commissioner; improving school-linked mental health grant program.</b> Requires the commissioner of human services to collaborate with stakeholders to assess the school-linked mental health grant program and make recommendations for improvement. Specifies what the assessment must include; requires a report by January 15, 2020.</p>
4	<p><b>Appropriations.</b> Appropriates money from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for school-linked mental health grants; specifies that the appropriations are added to the base.</p>



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