

Subject Farmer mental health

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Overview

This bill would provide \$330,000 in each of the next two state fiscal years for statewide mental health counseling support to farm families and business operators. The current funding level for this activity is \$113,000 per year for fiscal years 2018 and 2019. Laws 2017, chapter 88, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (h).

The Omnibus Supplemental Budget Act passed by the 2018 legislature and vetoed by Governor Mark Dayton would have provided an additional \$217,000 for this purpose in fiscal year 2019. Laws 2018, ch. 201. As in the vetoed language, this bill would add Central Lakes College as an additional fiscal agent for this funding.