

Subject Farmer mental health

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Overview

This bill would provide additional money in state fiscal year 2019—the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2019—for statewide mental health counseling support to farm families and business operators. The additional \$150,000 would supplement the \$113,000 previously appropriated for this purpose in Laws 2017, chapter 88, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (h). This new appropriation would not cancel at the end of fiscal year 2019 but would remain available until June 30, 2020.

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.