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Subject Mental Health Services Leads

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## **Overview**

This bill establishes two school mental health services leads in the Department of Education and appropriates funding for the positions.

## **Summary**

## **Section Description**

1 Comprehensive school mental health services leads.

Establishes two comprehensive school mental health services leads and duties of the leads.

**Subd. 1. Lead position established.** Requires the department to employ two school mental health services leads to address mental health needs in schools: one for students, and one for teachers and other school staff.

**Subd. 2. Assistance to districts.** Requires the leads to: help schools, upon request, to assess their comprehensive school mental health systems and develop improvement plans to implement evidence-based mental health resources, tools, and practices in school districts; establish a clearinghouse with information and resources; and work with schools to improve mental health infrastructure support. Allows the leads to report to the legislature as necessary.

**Subd. 3. Coordination with other agencies.** Requires the leads to consult with named state agencies or offices, and other federal, state, and local agencies as necessary to identify or develop information, training, and resources to help districts support students', teachers' and school staff's mental health needs.

2 Appropriation; comprehensive school mental health services lead.

Appropriates an unspecified amount for the comprehensive school mental health services leads.



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