

**H.F. 635**

As introduced

**Subject** School-linked mental health grants**Authors** Bierman**Analyst** Sarah Sunderman**Date** February 15, 2021**Summary**

The school-linked mental health grant program, established under section 245.4901, provides grants to eligible mental health providers to deliver mental health diagnoses, treatment, and family support services within school settings, provide transportation for students receiving services when school is not in session, build schools' capacity to provide mental health services, and cover expenses relating to service delivery via telemedicine. The program requires grant recipients to obtain all available third-party reimbursement sources.

This bill would add funding to the base appropriation for school-linked mental health services, with at least 25% of the additional funding going to providers serving schools with high percentages of high-need students. The bill also requires the commissioner of human services to consult with school districts that do not provide grant-funded school-linked mental health services but wish to do so.