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Bill Summary

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Overview

Appropriates \$5,510,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$5,510,000 in fiscal year 2009 from the general fund to the Education Department for competitive grants to public and nonprofit providers serving youth after school and during nonschool hours.

Section

1 After-school enrichment programs.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Establishes a competitive statewide after-school community learning grant program to provide grants to public and nonprofit providers serving youth after school and during nonschool hours. Directs the education commissioner to develop program criteria.

Subd. 2. Priority neighborhoods. Directs the education commissioner to give priority to particular neighborhoods when awarding grants to Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Subd. 3. Expects the program to increase the number of children participating in programs during nonschool hours, support children's academic achievement, reduce juvenile crime, increase school attendance and decrease school suspensions, increase youth's participation in community service activities, increase youth's nonacademic skills, and foster the academic achievement and character development of teenage parents.

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Subd. 4. Plan. Directs grant applicants to develop a plan that includes collaboration with effective community resources, outreach to children and youth, involvement of local government where appropriate, community control over program design, and identification of nonpublic funding sources.

Subd. 5. Plan approval; grants. Directs applicants to submit their plan to the commissioner for approval. Directs the commissioner to award grants to implement approved plans.

2 Appropriation. Appropriates \$5,510,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$5,510,000 in fiscal year 2009 from the general fund to the Education Department for after-school enrichment grants.