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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Appropriates \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2008 to the education commissioner for after-school community learning grants. Patterns the programs after youth initiative grants funded in 1996 through 2003 to provide youth with regular enrichment activities during nonschool hours.

### Section

#### **1 After-school community learning 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 non-school hours. Directs the education commissioner to develop program criteria.

**Subd. 2. Program outcomes.** Expects the program to increase participants' school connectedness, academic achievement, and productivity.

**Subd. 3. Grants.** Directs applicants to submit grant proposals to the commissioner. Requires the plan to include collaboration with effective community resources, outreach to children and youth, and involvement of local government where appropriate.

Directs the commissioner to review and approve proposals. Authorizes funding for approved proposals.

#### **2 Appropriation; after-school community learning grants.** Appropriates \$10,000,000 in

**Section**

fiscal year 2008 to the education commissioner for after-school community learning grants. Directs the commissioner to hire one full-time equivalent staff person to administer the grant program.