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Overview

This bill appropriates money for after-school community learning grants. The 2007 Legislature created the after-school community learning grant program to provide grants to community or nonprofit organizations, political subdivisions, for-profit or nonprofit child care centers, or school-based programs that serve youth after school or during nonschool hours. After-school community learning programs are expected to increase (1) school connectedness of participants, (2) academic achievement of participants to become productive adults, and (4) prevent truancy from school and prevent juvenile crime. This program is similar to a grant program that existed several years ago but was repealed. In addition, this program was funded on a one-time only basis.

Section

1 Appropriation. Appropriates \$10 million in fiscal year 2010 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for After-School Community Learning Grants. Specifies that the balance of the appropriation does not cancel but is available in fiscal year 2011. Specifies that up to 2 percent of the appropriation may be used for administration and up to 3 percent may be used for quality improvement and evaluation. In addition, specifies that up to \$250,000 may be used for a statewide transportation study to increase access to these programs for children and youth across the state.