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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

H.F. 117 creates a grant program to strengthen student counseling services to qualifying Minnesota high schools. The high school qualifies for a grant if the school has high mobility (more than 25 percent in the previous year) and if the high school serves at least 100 pupils in grades 7 through 12.

Authorizes a qualifying school district to apply to the commissioner of education for a grant. Allows the commissioner to award grants on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds have been allocated. Grants must be related to the number of students served at each qualifying school site.

Requires the commissioner of education to report to the 2014 Legislature on the effects of the grant program and whether the grant program should be expanded statewide.

#### Section

- 1** **Grant program; student counseling services in high-need high schools.** Creates a grant program to strengthen high school counseling programs in a school district with high rates of student mobility. Requires qualifying school districts to apply to the commissioner for the grants. Requires the commissioner of education to summarize the effectiveness of the grants and make a recommendation to the 2014 Legislature about whether the program should be expanded statewide.
- 2** **Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of money in fiscal years 2012 and 2013 for the purposes of funding these grants.