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Overview

Appropriates \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2015 for matching grants to school districts for student services personnel team staffing.

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1 Title. Cites the act as the “Student Services Personnel Team Assurance Act.”

2 Student services personnel team staffing grants.

Subd. 1. Grant program established. Establishes a grant program to help school districts with large caseloads implicating student services personnel professions, including counseling, psychology, nursing, social work, and chemical dependency counseling.

Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines “student services personnel team” to include a school counselor, psychologist, nurse, social worker, and chemical dependency counselor licensed by the board of teaching.

Subd. 3. Application. Directs the education commissioner to develop the form and method for applying for the grants and the criteria for allocating the grants, giving priority to school districts where student services personnel teams do not exist, need to add specific positions to complete a team, are not funded through other sources, or have excessively large caseloads.

Subd. 4. Grant awards. Requires each student services personnel team member to serve within the scope and practice of the profession. Requires grant recipients to use

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the grant award to lower professional caseloads to better serve K-12 students. Requires school districts receiving a grant to match the grant award with new money for the student services personnel team for a two-year period or repay the grant amount to the education department.

Subd. 5. Reports. Requires grant recipients to annually report to the education commissioner by July 1 about the impact of the student services personnel team on students served by the team during the previous academic year. Directs the department to develop the report criteria.

3 Appropriations. Appropriates \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2015 from the general fund to the education department for student services personnel team staffing grants.

Makes any unexpended balance in the first fiscal year available in the second fiscal year.