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Overview

This bill modifies the existing violence prevention education program requirements for school districts. It also directs the commissioner of health to establish a prevention of sexual violence working group and a competitive grant program to address sexual violence prevention.

Section

- 1** **Violence prevention education.** Amends § 120B.22, subd. 1. Adds commissioners of public safety, corrections and human rights, and advocate programs to the list of persons who must be consulted in assisting school districts in developing violence prevention plans and programs. Modifies the purpose of the violence prevention plans to include reducing bullying, harassment, and violence. Requires districts to have a plan for integrating into its curriculum a violence prevention program and for training staff and school board members. Modifies required content to be addressed under districts' violence prevention programs.

- 2** **Prevention of sexual violence working group.** Requires the commissioner of health to convene a working group on prevention of sexual violence by August 1, 2013, and requires that the working group maintain a list of existing state programs that impact sexual violence prevention; establish goals and objectives for prevention; and coordinate implementation of existing programs to achieve the goals and objectives. Lists the membership of the working group.

Requires the working group to submit an initial report to the legislature by February 1, 2014. Permits the working group to make recommendations to the governor for changes in state policies, programs or services to advance identified goals and objectives; and permits the working group to comment on proposals initiated by the legislature or state agencies.

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The working group expires June 30, 2016.

- 3 Sexual violence prevention demonstration partnership grants.** Defines “community sexual violence prevention partnership.” Requires the commissioner of health to award up to five grants per year to community health boards and tribal governments for community sexual violence prevention partnerships. Lists eligible grant activities, including improving coordination of existing programs; initiating new programs to support sexual violence prevention; supporting outreach and education; and reporting and evaluation. Provides eligibility criteria for community health boards and tribal governments. Limits the duration of grant awards to 60 consecutive months. Requires the commissioner to contract with providers to deliver technical assistance to grant recipients.
- 4 Appropriations.** (a) Appropriates \$100,000 each year to the commissioner of health for the prevention of sexual violence working group. Permits the commissioner to solicit and accept contributions from other entities to hire staff or consultants.
- (b) Appropriates \$750,000 each year to the commissioner of health for the community sexual violence prevention partnership demonstration grants. Permits the commissioner to use up to 6 % of this funding for technical assistance.