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Overview

Updates the application, evaluation, and other timelines for a pilot project for groups of school districts to share in providing innovative education programs and activities and district resources. Appropriates \$25,000 to the education commissioner for costs of administering the pilot project

Section

1 Innovative delivery of education services and sharing of district resources; pilot project.

Subd. 1. Establishment; requirements for participation. Allows the pilot project to continue through June 30, 2018, or for up to a five-year term, whichever comes first.

Subd. 2. Commissioner's role. Allows an interested group of school districts to submit a completed application to the commissioner of education by March 1 of any year. Allows the commissioner to select up to six qualified applicants by April 1 of any year.

Subd. 3. Pilot project evaluation. Directs the commissioner to submit an interim report by February 1, 2016, and a final report by February 1, 2019.

2 Effective date. Makes the changes in section 1 effective immediately.

3 Appropriation. Appropriates \$25,000 in fiscal year 2015 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for reviewing applicants, selecting participants, and evaluating the pilot projects under section 1.