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Overview

This bill establishes a grant to fund a children's mental health pilot project for rural youth ages 15 to 25.

Section

1 Appropriation; children's mental health collaboratives. Paragraph (a) appropriates \$600,000 in fiscal year 2017 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a children's mental health grant to fund a pilot project providing services to rural youth with emotional behavioral disturbance or mental illness. Provides a base appropriation for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 of \$600,000, with an ongoing base of zero.

Paragraph (b) provides that children's mental health collaboratives are eligible to apply for grants. Allows one demonstration project to be funded.

Paragraph (c) requires the project to provide individualized coaching to rural youth ages 15 to 25 currently in the mental health system or with emerging mental health conditions so that these youth are able to achieve their personal goals in education, employment, housing, and community functioning. Requires the grantee to use all available sources of funding and to complete a program evaluation.

Paragraph (d) instructs the commissioner to issue a report to legislative committees with jurisdiction over mental health on the status and outcome of the demonstration by January 15, 2019. Requires the collaboratives administering the projects to report outcome data to the commissioner.