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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill establishes a grant program to expand clinical training for physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, and mental health professionals, and makes a blank appropriation to fund the program.

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**1 Primary care and mental health professions clinical training expansion grant program.** Adds section 144.1505. Establishes a program to provide planning and training grants to establish or expand clinical training for advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, and mental health professionals.

**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines terms for this section: “eligible advanced practice registered nurse program,” “eligible mental health professional training program,” “eligible physician assistance program,” “eligible project,” and “mental health professional.”

**Subd. 2. Program.** Authorizes the commissioner of health to award planning and training grants to physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, and mental health professional programs to establish or expand clinical training for those professions. For each program, allows a planning grant of up to \$75,000 and training grants of up to \$150,000 for the first year of the grant, \$100,000 for the second year, and \$50,000 for the third year. Lists permitted uses of grant funds.

**Subd. 3. Applications.** Requires eligible programs seeking a grant to apply to the commissioner. Lists information that applications must contain, and requires

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applicant programs to describe achievable objectives, a timetable, and the roles and capabilities of responsible individuals in the organization.

**Subd. 4. Consideration of applications.** Requires the commissioner to review applications for completion and eligibility. Lists factors the commissioner must use to evaluate and score applications.

**Subd. 5. Program oversight.** Directs the commissioner to determine grant amounts based on the score earned by a program's application, other relevant factors discussed in the review of applications, and available funds. Specifies that an appropriation to a program does not cancel and is available until expended. Authorizes the commissioner to collect information from training programs that is needed to evaluate the grant program.

- 2 Appropriation.** Makes a blank appropriation in fiscal year 2017 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the primary care and mental health professions clinical training expansion grant program.