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Overview

Minnesota has nine Service Cooperatives (formerly named Education Cooperative Service Units or ECSUs) which are statutorily defined joint powers organizations. Each of the nine Service Cooperatives offers a slightly different set of services to their member districts. These services include, among many other things, cooperative purchasing, special education services, career and technical services, health insurance and benefits assistance, online courses, health and safety environmental services, and professional development activities.

This bill appropriates \$570,000 to the Lakes Country Service Cooperative for a rural science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) experiential learning pilot project.

Section

- 1 Appropriation; rural science, technology, engineering, and mathematics experiential learning pilot project.** Appropriates \$570,000 in fiscal year 2016 on a onetime basis from the general fund to the Department of Education for a grant to the Lakes County Service Cooperative to expand career and technical education and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) coursework to students.