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### Overview

Establishes a Principals' Leadership Academy at the University of Minnesota, instead of at the Minnesota State University Mankato, to provide professional development programs to school principals and other school leaders in school districts and charter schools. Establishes an annual application, review, and selection process. Appropriates money for grants to offset participants' costs.

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##### **1 Principals' Leadership Academy.**

**Subd. 1. Establishment.** (a) Allows the education commissioner to contract with the University of Minnesota's Principals' Leadership Academy to provide professional development programs to school principals. Strikes the reference to the Minnesota State University Mankato.

**Subd. 2. Method of selection and requirements.** (a) Allows charter schools and school districts to select a licensed principal or other school leader, with leadership potential, to apply to the Principals' Leadership Academy.

(b) Directs school boards to forward their list of recommended participants to the Principals' Leadership Academy administrator and allows a school principal or other school leader to apply directly. Requires a committee composed of the education commissioner and the executive directors of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators, the Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association, the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals, the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools, and Charter School Partners to recommend applicants to the academy administrator. Requires the academy administrator to select regionally diverse

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applicants that include charter school leaders and to notify the applicants and the recommending organizations.

**Subd. 3. Program delivery.** Requires Principals' Leadership Academies to be offered annually in the metropolitan area and in greater Minnesota, which must be located at one of MDE's regional centers of excellence.

**2 Appropriation.** Appropriates unspecified sums in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for a grant to the Principals' Leadership Academy to offset participant costs.