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Overview

Establishes a matching grant program to help school districts pay agricultural education teachers to work with students in extension programs over the summer.

Section

1 Agricultural educator grants.

Subd. 1 Grant program established. Establishes a grant program to help school districts pay agricultural education teachers to work with students in extension programs over the summer. Requires grants to be used to make agricultural education teachers more available.

Subd. 2. Application. Directs the education commissioner to develop the form and manner for applying for the grants and the criteria for allocating the grants, including appropriate goals for using the grants.

Subd. 3. Grant awards. Requires school districts to match the amount of the grant funding. Limits grant funding for a teacher to one-half share of 30 working days.

Subd. 4. Reports. Requires school districts receiving grants to annually report to the education commissioner by December 1 on the number of teachers funded by the grants and the outcomes compared to the goals in the grant application. Directs the education department to develop report criteria.

2 Appropriation. Appropriates unspecified general fund amounts to the education department in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for agricultural educator grants.