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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Creates teacher-governed school grants established under a school site decision-making agreement.

#### Section

- 1** **Agreement.** Allows a school site decision-making agreement to assign powers, duties, and management responsibilities to licensed teachers at a school site to create teacher-governed schools and qualify the district and the site for a teacher-governed schools grant.  
Makes this section effective for fiscal year 2017.
- 2** **Teacher-governed schools.** (a) Consistent with the parameters for a school site decision-making agreement and subject to an agreement between the interested school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers, establishes a grant program to encourage licensed teachers at a school site to pursue policies, strategies, and activities to create teacher-governed schools.  
(b) Directs the education commissioner, after receiving a school site decision-making agreement to create a teacher-governed school, to award one-year planning and two-year start-up grants on a first-come, first-served basis, distributing grants throughout Minnesota to the extent practicable. Requires grant recipients who terminate an agreement early to return the unused portion of the grant. Encourages grant recipients to seek matching funds or in-kind contributions.  
(c) Requires grant recipients to transmit to the commissioner and to post on the district Web site information about best practices based on grantees' experience and progress under this grant program.

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Makes this section effective for fiscal year 2017.

- 3**        **Appropriations.** Appropriates an unspecified general fund amount to the education department in fiscal year 2017 for teacher-governed school grants. Establishes an unspecified base appropriation amount for fiscal year 2018 and later.