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Overview

Career and technical education services include courses that were formerly called vocational programs and include among other courses, agricultural, business, technology, and health occupations courses.

Minnesota's school funding formulas include a formula that provides some assistance for career and technical programming. Career and technical revenue is an equalized aid and levy where the revenue equals 35 percent of the district's approved expenditures on career and technical programming.

This bill appropriates money for grants to school districts for career and technical education equipment needs, staffing needs and for innovative purposes.

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- 1 Career and technical education equipment grants.** Establishes a grant program to provide school districts with money for career and technical equipment. Authorizes the commissioner of education to establish criteria for the grants. Requires the grants to be split between metropolitan and greater Minnesota school districts. Requires grant recipients to report their equipment purchases to the commissioner of education and requires the commissioner to compile the information and report it to the Legislature.
- 2 Career and technical education staffing grants.** Establishes a grant program to provide school districts with money to hire additional career and technical instructors. Authorizes the commissioner of education to establish criteria for the grants. Requires the grants to be split between metropolitan and greater Minnesota school districts. Requires grant recipients to

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report on the staff that were hired with the grants to the commissioner of education and requires the commissioner to compile the information and report it to the Legislature.

3 Career and technical education innovation grants. Establishes a grant program to encourage innovative career and technical programs and delivery methods. Authorizes the commissioner of education to establish criteria for the grants. Requires the grants to be split between metropolitan and greater Minnesota school districts. Requires grant recipients to report on the uses of the grants to the commissioner of education and requires the commissioner to compile the information and report it to the Legislature.

4 Appropriations. Annually appropriates \$5,000,000 for equipment grants, \$2,000,000 for staffing grants and \$1,000,000 for innovation grants.