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Overview

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math programs are often referred to by their acronym as STEM programs. In recent years, a great deal of attention has been focused on how to improve students' exposure to STEM offerings. These efforts include expanding the course offerings, making STEM courses more interesting to students by incorporating technology, and by linking classroom instruction to real-world STEM applications.

This bill appropriates \$3 million on a onetime basis to the commissioner of education for grants of up to \$75,000 for each innovative STEM course. The grants are available to school districts and charter schools (a charter school is considered a "school district" for any state aid or state grant program).

Section

- 1 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math grants.** Appropriates \$3 million in fiscal year 2018 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for grants to school districts of up to \$75,000 per qualifying course. Authorizes the commissioner to set the form and manner of the application process and makes the grant money available until the end of the 2018-2019 school year.