

Subject Service-learning
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Overview

This bill establishes a service-learning specialist position at the Department of Education, and service-learning grants for school districts working in partnership with other organizations.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Service-learning specialist; service-learning work.</p> <p>Establishes a service-learning specialist position in the Department of Education. Allows the commissioner to provide or contract for specialized expertise in service-learning.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Innovative incubator service-learning grants.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment; eligibility criteria; application requirements. Establishes a five-year technical assistance and grant program to start or expand innovative service-learning opportunities. Provides eligibility criteria for partnerships applying for grants and application requirements.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Innovation grants. Requires the commissioner to annually award up to 32 grants of up to \$50,000 each to eligible partnerships. Allows the commissioner to designate start-up or leader grant categories with higher maximum grant amounts. Requires a partnership receiving a grant to provide a 50 percent match in funds or in-kind contributions unless the commissioner waives the match requirement. Requires the partnership to convey half of the grant amount to at least one community-based organization, community education program, state or federal agency, or political subdivision.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Evaluation. Requires the commissioner to evaluate grants awarded based on the outcomes of participating students and districts' progress toward meeting the goals of the world's best workforce statute or the state plan</p> |

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adopted under the Every Student Succeeds Act. Requires the commissioner to report outcomes to the legislature.

3 Appropriations.

Appropriates funds for a service-learning specialist at the department and for related service-learning work, and for service-learning grants.



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