

Subject Farmer mental health; farm advocates

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Overview

This bill would provide additional money in state fiscal year 2019 for the Farm Advocates program and statewide mental health counseling support to farm families and business operators. The additional \$30,000 for Farm Advocates and \$217,000 for mental health counseling would supplement funding previously appropriated for these purposes in Laws 2017, chapter 88, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5.

The Omnibus Supplemental Budget Act passed by the 2018 legislature and vetoed by Governor Mark Dayton would have provided these same amounts of additional funding in fiscal year 2019 (Laws 2018, ch. 201). As in the vetoed language, this bill would add Central Lakes College as an additional fiscal agent for the mental health funding.