

Subject School-linked mental health grants

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Overview

H.F. 732 provides additional funds for school-linked mental health grants. Under current law, the grants are awarded by the commissioner of human services directly to the qualifying mental health providers who have arrangements with school districts to provide school-linked mental health services.

The Department of Human Services base budget contains about \$11 million per year for school-linked mental health grants.

H.F. 732 appropriates \$10 million per year for additional school-linked mental health grants and \$120,000 per year for the Department of Human Services for the costs necessary to administer the grants.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Establishment and authority. Requires providers of school-linked mental health services to obtain third-party reimbursement for services when applicable. Moves a description of eligible transportation costs to a more appropriate section.
2	School-linked mental health grants. Codifies in statute the mental health providers eligible for grants under the program. Authorizes transportation costs for children receiving school-linked mental health services and authorizes a portion of the grant funding to be used to purchase equipment and pay other costs necessary to deliver school-linked mental health services via telemedicine.
3	Appropriations. Appropriates \$10.12 million per year for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 for school-linked mental health grants. Grants are required to expand services, including to districts or counties where school-linked mental health service are not currently available.



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