

Subject Support and grants for school-based health centers

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Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of health to contract with an organization for activities to support comprehensive school-based health centers, and requires the commissioner to issue grants to sponsoring organizations to support the operation of existing school-based health centers or establish new school-based health centers.

Summary

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1	Support and grants for comprehensive school-based health centers.
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Adds § 144.595. Requires the commissioner of health to contract with the Minnesota School-Based Health Alliance for activities to support comprehensive school-based health centers. Also requires the commissioner to issue grants to sponsoring organizations to support existing school-based health centers or establish new centers.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms for this section: school-based health center or comprehensive school-based health center, and sponsoring organization.

Subd. 2. Contract with Minnesota School-Based Health Alliance. Requires the commissioner of health to contract with the Minnesota School-Based Health Alliance for activities to support the establishment and sustainability of school-based health centers. Lists duties for the Minnesota School-Based Health Alliance, including ensuring that school-based health centers supported with grants adhere to core competencies identified by the national School-Based Health Alliance, providing technical assistance and assistance with data analysis, developing a process for school districts to follow to establish school-based health centers, and helping establish relationships and agreements between schools and sponsoring organizations. Requires the organization to maintain a staff to support its work.

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Subd. 3. Grants to sustain and expand the network of Minnesota school-based health centers. Requires the commissioner of health to administer, or contract with the Minnesota School-Based Health Alliance to administer, a program to provide grants to sponsoring organizations to sustain existing school-based health centers and establish new school-based health centers. Requires grant funds to support new or existing school-based health centers that meet the listed criteria.

Subd. 4. School-based health center services. Lists services that may be provided by a school-based health center.

Subd. 5. Sponsoring organizations. Requires a sponsoring organization that agrees to operate a school-based health center to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the school or district. Requires the sponsoring organization to be financially responsible for the operation of the school-based health centers and, to the greatest extent possible, to bill third parties for services provided in the school-based health center.

Subd. 6. Public report. Requires the Minnesota School-Based Health Alliance to prepare an annual report of its activities and to make the report available to the public, the legislature, and stakeholders.

2 Appropriations.

Appropriates \$1,400,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for grants and support for comprehensive school-based health centers. Of that amount, \$500,000 is for a contract with the Minnesota School-Based Health Alliance, with an unspecified portion for use by the commissioner for administrative costs; and \$900,000 is for grants to sponsoring organizations.



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