

**Subject** Mental Health Grants for Certain Special Education Site

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## Overview

H.F. 3979 provides additional funding for school-linked mental health grants targeted to applicant schools that provide services to students at a federal instructional level 4 school site. A student is receiving instruction in a federal instructional setting level 4 program when the student is in a separate school facility for more than 50 percent of the school day. Students in a level 4 program are often receiving services at a site operated by an intermediate school, Service Cooperative, or other cooperative unit.

There is an existing school-linked mental health grant program. Under current law, school-linked mental health 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 to students at those schools.

H.F. 3979 builds upon the existing school-linked mental health grant program and proposes additional school-linked mental health grants to qualifying providers providing services to students receiving educational services at a level 4 program.

## Summary

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<b>1</b>	<b>Appropriation; school-linked mental health grants for federal instructional setting level 4 special education sites.</b>
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Appropriates an unspecified amount of money in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for transfer to the commissioner of human services for school-linked mental health grants. Sets an unspecified base amount for fiscal year 2024 and later.

Prioritizes grant recipients. Requires grants to the four intermediate schools and the Southwest West Central Service Cooperative. Authorizes any additional funds to be

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	allocated to other eligible applicant schools providing services to students in federal instruction setting level 4 school sites.
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	Authorizes the commissioner of human services to designate a portion of the grants for staff development activities.
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