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S.F. No. 964 – Specifying Projects for Which Grant Funds May Be Used

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Senate File No. 964 modifies a session law from 2014 related to funding for the collaborative partnership between the University of Minnesota and the Mayo Clinic for regenerative medical research. The original language allowed the appropriation to be used for direct and indirect expenses, and the bill strikes the reference to indirect expenses, no longer allowing funds to be used for those types of expenses. The bill also states that all grants awards must be for a regenerative medicine development project, as defined in this paragraph. Further, the bill requires a report, in response to the January 2020 Office of the Legislative Auditor’s report, that addresses each recommendation in the Auditor’s report and demonstrates how the Regenerative Medicine Minnesota is addressing the underlying issues related to each recommendation.