

S.F. No. 987 – Evidence-Based Education Grants

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Section 1. [127A.20] Evidence-Based Education Grants.

Subdivision 1. Purpose and applicability. States that the purpose of this section is to create a process to evaluate the effectiveness of all prekindergarten through grade 12 education programs funded by the legislature to the commissioner of education for grants to organizations on or after July 1, 2022.

Subd. 2. Goals. Requires that each applicant applying for a grant must include in the grant application a statement of the goals of the education program and grant funds. Requires goals to be aligned to state and federal accountability plans, to the extent practicable.

Subd. 3. Strategies and data. Requires that the grant application must include a description of the strategies that will be used to meet the goals specified in the application, and a plan to collect data to measure the effectiveness of the strategies used.

Subd. 4. Reporting. Requires each grant recipient to create a report describing the data that was collected and the effectiveness of the strategies used within 180 days of the grant period ending. Requires that the report identify or propose alternative strategies.

Subd. 5. Grant defined. Defines “grant” as money appropriated from the state general fund to the commissioner of education for distribution to the grant recipients.

Effective Date. Makes the section effective the day following final enactment.