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| 03/10/2016 | 4945  | Introduction and first reading<br>Referred to Health, Human Services and Housing |
| 03/24/2016 | 5270a | Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance                          |

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to health; establishing a grant program for eligible health professional  
 1.3 training sites; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
 1.4 Statutes, chapter 144.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[144.1505] PRIMARY CARE AND MENTAL HEALTH**  
 1.7 **PROFESSIONS CLINICAL TRAINING EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following definitions  
 1.9 apply:

1.10 (1) "eligible advanced practice registered nurse program" means a program that  
 1.11 is located in Minnesota and is currently accredited as a master's or doctoral level or  
 1.12 postgraduate level advanced practice registered nurse program by the Commission on  
 1.13 Collegiate Nursing Education or by the Accreditation Commission for Education in  
 1.14 Nursing, or is a candidate for accreditation;

1.15 (2) "eligible mental health professional training program" means a program that is  
 1.16 located in Minnesota and is listed as a mental health professional training program by the  
 1.17 appropriate accrediting body for clinical social work, psychology, marriage and family  
 1.18 therapy, or licensed professional clinical counseling, or is a candidate for accreditation;

1.19 (3) "eligible physician assistant program" means a program that is located  
 1.20 in Minnesota and is currently accredited as a physician assistant program by the  
 1.21 Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, or is a  
 1.22 candidate for accreditation;

2.1 (4) "eligible project" means a project to establish or expand clinical training for  
2.2 physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, or mental health professionals  
2.3 in Minnesota; and

2.4 (5) "mental health professional" means an individual providing clinical services  
2.5 in the treatment of mental illness who meets one of the definitions in section 245.462,  
2.6 subdivision 18.

2.7 Subd. 2. **Program.** (a) The commissioner of health shall award health professional  
2.8 training site grants to eligible physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, and  
2.9 mental health professional programs to plan and implement expanded clinical training. A  
2.10 planning grant shall not exceed \$75,000, and a training grant shall not exceed \$150,000  
2.11 for the first year, \$100,000 for the second year, and \$50,000 for the third year per program.

2.12 (b) Funds may be used for:

2.13 (1) establishing or expanding clinical training for physician assistants, advanced  
2.14 practice registered nurses, and mental health professionals in Minnesota;

2.15 (2) recruitment, training, and retention of students and faculty;

2.16 (3) connecting students with appropriate clinical training sites, internships,  
2.17 practicums, or externship activities;

2.18 (4) travel and lodging for students;

2.19 (5) faculty, student, and preceptor salaries, incentives, or other financial support;

2.20 (6) development and implementation of cultural competency training;

2.21 (7) evaluations;

2.22 (8) training site improvements, fees, equipment, and supplies required to establish,  
2.23 maintain, or expand a physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or mental  
2.24 health professional training program; and

2.25 (9) supporting clinical education in which trainees are part of a primary care team  
2.26 model.

2.27 Subd. 3. **Applications.** Eligible physician assistant, advanced practice registered  
2.28 nurse, and mental health professional programs seeking a grant shall apply to the  
2.29 commissioner. Applications must include a description of the number of additional  
2.30 students who will be trained using grant funds; attestation that funding will be used to  
2.31 support an increase in the number of clinical training slots; a description of the problem that  
2.32 the proposed project will address; a description of the project, including all costs associated  
2.33 with the project, sources of funds for the project, detailed uses of all funds for the project,  
2.34 and the results expected; and a plan to maintain or operate any component included in  
2.35 the project after the grant period. The applicant must describe achievable objectives, a  
2.36 timetable, and roles and capabilities of responsible individuals in the organization.

3.1            Subd. 4. **Consideration of applications.** The commissioner shall review each  
3.2 application to determine whether or not the application is complete and whether  
3.3 the program and the project are eligible for a grant. In evaluating applications, the  
3.4 commissioner shall score each application based on factors including, but not limited to,  
3.5 the applicant's clarity and thoroughness in describing the project and the problems to be  
3.6 addressed, the extent to which the applicant has demonstrated that the applicant has made  
3.7 adequate provisions to ensure proper and efficient operation of the training program once  
3.8 the grant project is completed, the extent to which the proposed project is consistent with  
3.9 the goal of increasing access to primary care and mental health services for rural and  
3.10 underserved urban communities, the extent to which the proposed project incorporates  
3.11 team-based primary care, and project costs and use of funds.

3.12            Subd. 5. **Program oversight.** The commissioner shall determine the amount of  
3.13 a grant to be given to an eligible program based on the relative score of each eligible  
3.14 program's application, other relevant factors discussed during the review, and the funds  
3.15 available to the commissioner. Appropriations made to the program do not cancel and  
3.16 are available until expended. During the grant period, the commissioner may require and  
3.17 collect from programs receiving grants any information necessary to evaluate the program.

3.18            Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

3.19            §..... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
3.20 of health for the purposes of the primary care and mental health professions clinical  
3.21 training expansion grant programs created in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.1505.