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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Innovation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; providing training and technical assistance to school
1.3 districts to reduce use of seclusion and restraint; appropriating money.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO REDUCE
1.6 DISTRICT USE OF SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT; APPROPRIATION.

1.7 \$750,000 in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.8 commissioner of education for providing school districts with training and technical
1.9 assistance to reduce district use of seclusion and restraint on students with complex needs.
1.10 Of this appropriation, \$500,000 is available to the commissioner to reimburse school
1.11 districts for the cost of hiring experts to provide staff training in reducing district use of
1.12 seclusion and restraint on students with complex needs. Of this appropriation, \$250,000 is
1.13 available to the commissioner for the costs of providing specialized training and assistance
1.14 to school districts with a high use of seclusion and restraint on students with complex needs.
1.15 The commissioner may contract with experts from intermediate school districts teams or
1.16 level four programs to provide the specialized training and technical assistance. Any funds
1.17 unexpended in fiscal year 2016 do not cancel but carry forward into the next fiscal year.

1.18 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2015.