

A bill for an act

relating to agriculture; appropriating money for native plant, forage, and turf seed research.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$100,000 in fiscal year 2010 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2011 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for annual grants to the Minnesota Turf Seed Council for basic and applied agronomic research on native plants, including plant breeding, nutrient management, pest management, disease management, yield, and viability, and on the improved production of forage and turf seed related to new and improved varieties. The grant recipient may subcontract with a qualified third party for some or all of the basic or applied research. The grant recipient must actively participate in the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute's Renewable Energy Roundtable and no later than February 1, 2011, must report to the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over agriculture finance.