

A bill for an act
relating to early childhood education finance; establishing after-school
community learning grant program; appropriating money; proposing coding for
new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

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

Section 1. **[124D.2211] AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING
PROGRAMS.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A competitive statewide after-school community
learning grant program is established to provide grants to community or nonprofit
organizations, political subdivisions, or school-based programs that serve youth after
school or during nonschool hours. The commissioner shall develop criteria for after-school
community learning programs.

Subd. 2. **Program outcomes.** The expected outcomes of the after-school
community learning programs are to increase:

- (1) school connectedness of participants;
- (2) academic achievement of participating students in one or more core academic
areas; and
- (3) the capacity of participants to become productive adults.

Subd. 3. **Grants.** An applicant shall submit an after-school community learning
program proposal to the commissioner. The submitted plan must include:

- (1) collaboration with and leverage of existing community resources that have
demonstrated effectiveness;
- (2) outreach to children and youth; and

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2.1 (3) involvement of local governments, including park and recreation boards or
2.2 schools, unless no government agency is appropriate.

2.3 Proposals will be reviewed and approved by the commissioner. Approved proposals
2.4 are subject to receiving funding.

2.5 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING**
2.6 **GRANTS.**

2.7 \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2008 is appropriated from the general fund to the
2.8 commissioner of education for the purposes of section 1. This appropriation is available
2.9 through June 30, 2009. The commissioner shall hire one full-time equivalent staff person
2.10 to administer the statewide after-school community learning grant program.