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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:  
To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

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

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

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

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

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

- 1.15 (1) school connectedness of participants;
- 1.16 (2) academic achievement of participating students in one or more core academic  
1.17 areas; and

- 1.18 (3) the capacity of participants to become productive adults.

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

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

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.