

S.F. No. 449 – Comprehensive School Mental Health Services Lead Positions

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Section 1. [127A.21] Comprehensive School Mental Health Services Leads.

Subdivision 1. **Lead position established.** Requires the department to employ two comprehensive school mental health lead positions to serve as a source of information and support for students, teachers, and school staff.

Subd. 2. **Assistance to districts.** Requires the leads to: assist schools, upon request, to assess their comprehensive school mental health systems and develop improvement plans for their resources, tools, and practices; establish a clearinghouse with information and resources; work with school districts and charter schools to improve mental health infrastructure support; and report to the legislature as necessary.

Subd. 3. **Coordination with other agencies.** Requires the leads to consult with local, state, and federal agencies as necessary to identify or develop information, training, and resources to help school districts and charter schools support mental health needs.

Effective Date. Makes this section effective July 1, 2023.

Sec. 2. Appropriation; Comprehensive School Mental Health Services Lead.

Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** Appropriates money from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years designated.

Subd. 2. **Comprehensive school mental health services lead.** (a) Appropriates a blank amount for the comprehensive school mental health services leads.

(b) Appropriates a blank amount for fiscal year 2026 and later.