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A bill for an act

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relating to agriculture; appropriating money for farm to school and early care

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programs.

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

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Section 1. **FARM TO SCHOOL AND EARLY CARE PROGRAMS;**

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APPROPRIATION.

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(a) \$..... in fiscal year 2026 and \$..... in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the

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general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for providing more fruits, vegetables, meat,

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poultry, grain, and dairy for children in schools and early childhood education settings,

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including, at the commissioner's discretion, providing grants to reimburse schools and early

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childhood education and child care providers for purchasing equipment and agricultural

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products. Organizations must participate in the National School Lunch Program or the Child

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and Adult Care Food Program to be eligible.

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(b) Of the amount appropriated, \$150,000 each year is for a statewide coordinator of

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farm-to-institution strategy and programming. The coordinator must consult with relevant

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stakeholders and provide technical assistance and training for participating farmers and

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institutions, including eligible grant recipients.

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(c) At the commissioner's discretion, for state administration of federal cooperative

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agreements for purchasing Minnesota grown and raised foods for schools, child care

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providers, food banks, and other institutions, the commissioner may use an amount of state

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funds equal to no more than 7.5 percent of the total federal funds awarded to the state. The

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commissioner shall expend any available federal administrative funds awarded for this

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purpose before using state funds.

- 2.1 (d) The appropriation under this section is made under the agricultural growth, research,
2.2 and innovation program in Minnesota Statutes, section 41A.12.