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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to higher education; providing for a Principals' Leadership Institute at

1.3 Minnesota State University Mankato; appropriating money; amending Minnesota

1.4 Statutes 2016, section 122A.74, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in

1.5 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136F.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 122A.74, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** (a) The commissioner of education may contract with

1.9 ~~the Minnesota State University Mankato~~ or the regents of the University of Minnesota to

1.10 establish a Principals' Leadership Institute to provide professional development to school

1.11 principals by:

1.12 (1) creating a network of leaders in the educational and business communities to

1.13 communicate current and future trends in leadership techniques;

1.14 (2) helping to create a vision for the school that is aligned with the community and

1.15 district priorities;

1.16 (3) developing strategies to retain highly qualified teachers and ensure that diverse

1.17 student populations, including at-risk students, children with disabilities, English learners,

1.18 and gifted students, among others, have equal access to these highly qualified teachers; and

1.19 (4) providing training to analyze data using culturally competent tools.

1.20 (b) The University of Minnesota must cooperate with participating members of the

1.21 business community to provide funding and content for the institute.

2.1 (c) Participants must agree to attend the Principals' Leadership Institute for four weeks
2.2 during the academic summer.

2.3 (d) The Principals' Leadership Institute must incorporate program elements offered by
2.4 leadership programs at the University of Minnesota and program elements used by the
2.5 participating members of the business community to enhance leadership within their
2.6 businesses.

2.7 **Sec. 2. [136F.362] PRINCIPALS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE.**

2.8 (a) The commissioner may contract with the Minnesota State University Mankato to
2.9 establish a Principals' Leadership Institute to provide licensed principals in Minnesota with
2.10 a research-based and evaluated professional development experience focused on instructional
2.11 and organizational leadership by:

2.12 (1) creating a network of educational leaders who demonstrate strong instructional
2.13 leadership, racial equity leadership, and the skills to lead for all students;

2.14 (2) advancing student achievement in school districts through the continuous development
2.15 of courageous and results-driven principal leaders;

2.16 (3) developing leaders who cultivate a school culture where every student is fully engaged,
2.17 educated, and included; and

2.18 (4) developing principal leaders who create a culture of high standards for all students
2.19 and demonstrate the ability to build teacher development so that culturally responsive
2.20 practices occur in all classrooms.

2.21 (b) Minnesota State University Mankato must partner with participating district or charter
2.22 school leadership to bridge professional development learning from the Principals' Leadership
2.23 Institute to the district at large.

2.24 (c) Participants must agree to attend all sessions of the Principals' Leadership Institute.

2.25 (d) The Principals' Leadership Institute must base the program content and curriculum
2.26 on current research-based best practices in educational leadership that lead to accelerated
2.27 achievement growth for all students.

2.28 (e) School district or charter school leadership in the state may recommend a licensed
2.29 principal for participation in the program based on the principal's leadership potential.

2.30 (f) The school board or charter school board must submit the list of recommended
2.31 participants to the Principals' Leadership Institute by July 1 each year. Principals from a
2.32 school district or charter school whose leadership is engaged in intentional work focused

3.1 on eliminating the predictable racial achievement disparities within their district or school
3.2 must receive priority selection for attending the Principals' Leadership Institute.

3.3 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

3.4 \$200,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from the
3.5 general fund to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education for a grant to the
3.6 Minnesota State University Mankato Principals' Leadership Institute under Minnesota
3.7 Statutes, section 136F.362.