

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS25321

The legislation would authorize the superintendent of public instruction to fund the establishment of one (1) Rural Education Support Network in FY 2018. The Network would provide member school districts and/or charter schools with dedicated staff and funding to collaborate, share resources, and pursue the procurement of new available resources. In addition, the Network would provide an opportunity for school districts to collaborate and share resources with institutes of higher education and businesses who are interested in participating. Beyond K-12 education, the Network would also be dedicated to the workforce development and economic health of the community it serves. A local school district, institute of higher education, or business must enter into an MOU with the Network, which would be an opt-in cooperative entity. The state department of education would provide a model MOU to which Networks could attach addenda to meet their specific needs.

### FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact of this legislation in FY 2018 would be \$300,000 from the state department of education budget and reflects the request of the superintendent of public instruction's FY18 department of education budget request. A Network would be funded up to \$300,000 for up to three (3) years, for a maximum cost per Network of \$900,000 over three years from the department of education's budget. As authorizes just one Network over the next three years, the maximum fiscal impact over the next three years is \$900,000.

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