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**H 354. FUNDS FOR SCHOOL HEALTH CENTERS.** Filed 2/26/09. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL-BASED/SCHOOL-LINKED ADOLESCENT HEALTH CARE CENTERS.*

Appropriates \$750,000 for 2009-10 and \$750,000 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health (Division), to be used to sustain and assist school-based and school-linked adolescent health centers (centers) that have been experiencing a growth in caseloads. Requires the Division to allocate the funds to centers that are (1) credentialed by the state, (2) in the process of being credentialed by the state, or (3) providing high quality services in a limited capacity.

Appropriates \$250,000 for 2009-10 from the General Fund to the Division to provide start-up grants for five new school health centers in areas of the state where there are critical needs.

Requires DHHS to award current and future grants appropriated from recurring funds to school-based and school-linked health centers on a five year funding cycle. Allows DHHS to end funding before the end of the five-year period if performance standards are not met. Provides that at the end of five years of funding, a local initiative is eligible to reapply for funding.

Effective July 1, 2009.

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