

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB725**

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: March 25, 2019**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB725 creates the School Mental Health Resource Fund and adds twelve million dollars to this fund to reimburse school districts and Educational Service Units for allowable mental health expenditures in order to encourage schools to expand mental health services and reduce reliance on local property taxes through state reimbursement. This section also defines an allowable mental health expenditure. To receive these funds a school district or Educational Service Unit must designate an employee as a community based resource liaison.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Lynne Walz