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Bill Analysis

SB 243 directs the State Department of Education to establish and maintain the School Innovation Grant Program to provide grants to school districts to implement educational innovations. It directs grant applications to be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. After an initial review, the bill directs representatives from the Department to meet with representatives of the applying school district to discuss the proposed innovation. It directs the Department to make grant recommendations to the State Board of Education, which is to approve or disapprove grant applications. The bill directs grant funds to be distributed to applying school districts with consideration for the average daily membership of the district. It directs the Department to collect information from grant recipients and submit a report on the program. The measure also creates the School Innovation Revolving Fund.

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