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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Legacy Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to legacy; appropriating money for youth water safety grant program.

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

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Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; YOUTH WATER SAFETY.**

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\$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the arts and cultural heritage fund to

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the commissioner of education for a water safety grant program. The commissioner of

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education must allocate grants to eligible applicants. Eligible applicants include nonprofit

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organizations and city and county parks and recreation programs that provide swimming

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lessons to youth. Eligible applicants are not required to partner with other entities. Grant

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money must be primarily used to provide scholarships to low-income and at-risk children

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for swimming lessons. Up to 15 percent of the grant money may also be used to hire water

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safety instructors or lifeguards or to train water safety instructors or lifeguards in nationally

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recognized water safety practices and instruction.