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Introduction and first reading
Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; appropriating money for school safety facility grants.

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

1.4 Section 1. **SCHOOL SAFETY FACILITY GRANTS.**

1.5 (a) A school district may apply for a school safety facility grant in the form and manner
1.6 specified by the commissioner of education.

1.7 (b) After consultation with the Department of Public Safety's Minnesota School Safety
1.8 Center, the commissioner of education may award to a school district a school safety facility
1.9 grant of no more than \$500,000 for each qualifying school building. The commissioner
1.10 must award grants for projects that meet the requirements of this subdivision on a first-come,
1.11 first-served basis. At least half of the grants must be awarded to school districts with
1.12 administrative offices located outside of the 11 counties included in the Minneapolis-St.
1.13 Paul-Bloomington Metropolitan Statistical Area delineated in 2009 by the United States
1.14 Census Bureau.

1.15 (c) Grants may be used to predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip school facilities,
1.16 including renovating and expanding existing buildings and facilities.

1.17 (d) Before a grant is approved, a district must provide documentation acceptable to the
1.18 commissioner of education on how the grant funds will be used.

1.19 (e) No money for construction may be distributed by the commissioner of education to
1.20 the recipient school district until bids have been received on 100 percent of the construction
1.21 project and satisfactory documentation has been submitted to the commissioner of education
1.22 indicating the project can be fully completed with money available for the project.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.2 **Subdivision 1. Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
2.3 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education in the fiscal years
2.4 designated.

2.5 **Subd. 2. School safety grants.** For school safety facility grants:

2.6 \$ 26,000,000 2020

2.7 \$ 0 2021

2.8 The base appropriation in fiscal year 2022 is \$0. The appropriation is available until June
2.9 30, 2021.