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A bill for an act

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1.2 relating to education; requiring fire safety compliance for solar panels installed  
1.3 at schools; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.57, by adding  
1.4 a subdivision; Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 6, section  
1.5 3, subdivision 6.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.57, is amended by adding a  
1.8 subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 9. **Solar panel fire safety.** Any solar energy generation facility installed at a  
1.10 school under this section after January 1, 2017, shall comply with 2017 National Electric  
1.11 Code, section 690.12.

1.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.

1.13 Sec. 2. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 3, article 6, section 3, subdivision 6,  
1.14 is amended to read:

1.15 Subd. 6. **Health and safety capital projects.** (a) Health and safety capital projects  
1.16 may include expenditures necessary for the correction of fire and life safety hazards;  
1.17 design, purchase, installation, maintenance, and inspection of fire protection and alarm  
1.18 equipment; purchase or construction of appropriate facilities for the storage of combustible  
1.19 and flammable materials; inventories and facility modifications not related to a remodeling  
1.20 project to comply with lab safety requirements under section 121A.31; inspection, testing,  
1.21 repair, removal or encapsulation, and disposal of asbestos-containing building materials;  
1.22 cleanup and disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls; cleanup and disposal of hazardous and  
1.23 infectious wastes; cleanup, removal, disposal, and repairs related to storing heating fuel

2.1 or transportation fuels such as alcohol, gasoline, fuel oil, and special fuel, as defined in  
2.2 section 296A.01; correction of occupational safety and health administration regulated  
2.3 hazards; indoor air quality inspections, investigations, and testing; mold abatement;  
2.4 upgrades or replacement of mechanical ventilation systems to meet American Society of  
2.5 Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers standards and State Mechanical  
2.6 Code; design, materials, and installation of local exhaust ventilation systems, including  
2.7 required make-up air for controlling regulated hazardous substances; correction of  
2.8 Department of Health Food Code violations; correction of swimming pool hazards  
2.9 excluding depth correction; playground safety inspections, repair of unsafe outdoor  
2.10 playground equipment, and the installation of impact surfacing materials; bleacher  
2.11 repair or rebuilding to comply with the order of a building code inspector under section  
2.12 326B.112; testing and mitigation of elevated radon hazards; lead testing; copper in water  
2.13 testing; cleanup after major weather-related disasters or flooding; reduction of excessive  
2.14 organic and inorganic levels in wells and capping of abandoned wells; installation and  
2.15 testing of boiler backflow valves to prevent contamination of potable water; vaccinations,  
2.16 titers, and preventative supplies for bloodborne pathogen compliance; costs to comply with  
2.17 the Janet B. Johnson Parents' Right to Know Act; automated external defibrillators and  
2.18 other emergency plan equipment and supplies specific to the district's emergency action  
2.19 plan; compliance with the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for  
2.20 school generators established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency;  
2.21 compliance with subdivision 9; and health, safety, and environmental management costs  
2.22 associated with implementing the district's health and safety program including costs  
2.23 to establish and operate safety committees, in school buildings or property owned or  
2.24 being acquired by the district. Testing and calibration activities are permitted for existing  
2.25 mechanical ventilation systems at intervals no less than every five years.

2.26 (b) For fiscal years 2014 through 2017, a school district must not include expenses  
2.27 related to emission compliance projects for school generators in its health and safety  
2.28 capital projects unless it reduces its approved spending on other qualified health and  
2.29 safety projects by the same amount.

2.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.