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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

**S.F. No. 3**

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Introduction and first reading

OFFICIAL STATUS

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

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

1.4 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.5 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sum indicated in this section is  
1.6 appropriated from the coronavirus relief federal fund to the Department of Education for  
1.7 the fiscal year designated.

1.8 Subd. 2. School reopening grants. (a) For school reopening grants:

1.9 § 25,000,000 ..... 2021

1.10 (b) A public or nonpublic school may apply for a school reopening grant in the form  
1.11 and manner specified by the commissioner. A school is eligible for a grant if the school  
1.12 applies by the commissioner-determined deadline, if students attending the school fulfill  
1.13 the state's compulsory attendance laws, and if the school agrees to spend the funds only for  
1.14 allowable uses as defined in paragraph (c). The commissioner must allocate grant awards  
1.15 equally on a per-pupil basis to all qualifying applicants.

1.16 (c) A grant award under this section must be used for purposes related to reopening  
1.17 school buildings for in-person instruction of students. Uses are limited to personnel and  
1.18 material costs for ensuring ongoing student and staff safety and health, for ensuring students  
1.19 receive basic and enriched educational services, and for ensuring prioritization of students  
1.20 who need additional services as a result of the 2019-2020 school year distance learning  
1.21 period.

2.1 (d) This is a onetime appropriation.

2.2 Subd. 3. **Eligible expenditure from the coronavirus relief federal fund.** (a) No money  
2.3 in this section may be spent until the commissioner of management and budget determines  
2.4 that the appropriation in this section is an eligible use of the coronavirus relief federal fund.

2.5 (b) The appropriation in this section is available until December 30, 2020.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.