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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Capital Investment

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; authorizing the commissioner of education to award
1.3 school safety facility grants to school districts to enhance safety for students and
1.4 staff; appropriating money; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.6 Section 1. **SCHOOL SAFETY; FACILITIES GRANTS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** \$..... is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to
1.8 the commissioner of education for school safety facility grants according to this section.

1.9 Subd. 2. **Application process.** A school district may apply for a school safety facility
1.10 grant in the form and manner specified by the commissioner of education.

1.11 Subd. 3. **Grant awards.** (a) After consultation with the Department of Public Safety's
1.12 Minnesota School Safety Center, the commissioner of education may award a school safety
1.13 facility grant of no more than \$..... for each qualifying school building to a school district.
1.14 The commissioner must prioritize grant applications. At least half of the grants must be
1.15 awarded to school districts with administrative offices located outside of the seven-county
1.16 metropolitan area.

1.17 (b) The appropriation is for grants to predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip
1.18 school facilities and includes renovating existing buildings and expanding existing facilities.

1.19 (c) Before any grant is approved under this subdivision, the district must provide
1.20 documentation acceptable to the commissioner of education on how the grant will be used.

1.21 (d) No money for construction may be distributed by the commissioner of education to
1.22 the recipient school district until bids have been received on 100 percent of the construction

2.1 documents and satisfactory documentation has been submitted to the commissioner of
2.2 education indicating the project can be fully completed with money available for the project.

2.3 (e) Grants are available when the commissioner of management and budget determines
2.4 that sufficient resources have been committed to complete the project, as required by
2.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.502.

2.6 Subd. 4. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond
2.7 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of
2.8 the state in an amount up to \$..... in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
2.9 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
2.10 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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