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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3591

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; providing for a state community storm shelter grant  
1.3 program; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A.  
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **[299A.85] COMMUNITY STORM SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Grant program established.** The commissioner of public safety  
1.7 shall make grants to counties or cities to provide up to 50 percent of the capital costs of  
1.8 community storm shelters. The county or city receiving a grant must provide for the  
1.9 remainder of the costs of the project, either in cash or in kind. In-kind contributions may  
1.10 include the value of site preparation and public infrastructure needed for the project. For  
1.11 purposes of this section, a "community storm shelter" means a community safe room  
1.12 facility that meets the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) criteria for  
1.13 providing shelter and protection in extreme weather events.

1.14 Subd. 2. **Application.** A city or county may apply for a grant under this section on a  
1.15 form and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall establish  
1.16 criteria for awarding a grant under this section. Priority shall be given to projects that  
1.17 leverage federal money and maximize the use of state money, and that provide safe shelter  
1.18 to areas of the state that regularly experience extreme weather events.