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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3295

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to local government; eliminating the cap on spending for purchase of  
1.3 awards and trophies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 471.15.  
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 471.15, is amended to read:

1.6 **471.15 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BY MUNICIPALITY, VETERANS;**  
1.7 **BONDS.**

1.8 (a) Any home rule charter or statutory city or any town, county, school district,  
1.9 or any board thereof, or any incorporated post of the American Legion or any other  
1.10 incorporated veterans' organization, may expend ~~not to exceed \$800 in any one year, funds~~  
1.11 available to it for the purchase of awards and trophies and may operate a program of  
1.12 public recreation and playgrounds; acquire, equip, and maintain land, buildings, or other  
1.13 recreational facilities, including an outdoor or indoor swimming pool; and expend funds  
1.14 for the operation of such program pursuant to the provisions of sections 471.15 to 471.19.  
1.15 The city, town, county or school district may issue bonds pursuant to chapter 475 for the  
1.16 purpose of carrying out the powers granted by this section. The city, town, county or  
1.17 school district may operate the program and facilities directly or establish one or more  
1.18 recreation boards to operate all or various parts of them.

1.19 (b) A home rule charter or statutory city, a county, or a town may expend funds for  
1.20 the purpose of supporting student academic or extracurricular activities sponsored by  
1.21 the local school district.