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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2667

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; amending eligibility requirements for grants under
1.3 the safe routes to school program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section
1.4 174.40, subdivision 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 174.40, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 6. **Evaluation criteria; eligibility requirements.** (a) The commissioner shall
1.8 establish criteria for evaluation of applications and selection of projects. The criteria
1.9 must include:

1.10 (1) establishment or capital improvement of transportation infrastructure that
1.11 improves safety and encourages nonmotorized transportation to and from a school;

1.12 (2) compliance with all applicable requirements for capital infrastructure projects
1.13 established by the Federal Highway Administration, United States Department of
1.14 Transportation, for the federal program; and

1.15 (3) other components as determined by the commissioner.

1.16 (b) The commissioner may not award a grant to a local unit of government if the
1.17 proposed project is:

1.18 (1) for land acquisition, development, design, engineering, or construction of (i) a
1.19 sidewalk, or (ii) a bikeway, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 9; and

1.20 (2) at the time of initial implementation of the safe routes to school program under
1.21 this section, located adjacent to or through one or more unimproved parcels, whether
1.22 partially or completely along the project route.

1.23 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "unimproved parcel" means a parcel of land
1.24 that abuts:

2.1 (1) an unimproved municipal street and that is not served by municipal sewer or
2.2 water utilities; or

2.3 (2) an improved municipal street and served by municipal sewer or water utilities
2.4 and that:

2.5 (i) is not improved by construction of an authorized structure; or

2.6 (ii) contains a structure that has not previously been occupied.

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