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## **SENATE** STATE OF MINNESOTA **EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

A bill for an act

relating to public safety; establishing a grant program to local law enforcement

S.F. No. 2750

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| 1.3  | agencies to purchase firearms from the public; appropriating money.                          |
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| 1.4  | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:                                  |
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| 1.5  | Section 1. GUN BUYBACK GRANT PROGRAM.  |
| 1.6  | (a) The commissioner of public safety shall create a gun buyback grant program.              |
| 1.7  | Grants shall be awarded to local law enforcement agencies to purchase firearms from the      |
| 1.8  | public. The commissioner shall establish the criteria for distributing grants, but must give |
| 1.9  | priority to agencies that service areas with the highest rates of firearms violence in the   |
| 1.10 | state. In awarding grants, the commissioner must also give greater weight to applications    |
| 1.11 | that incorporate a plan to leverage state funding to secure other sources of funding,        |
| 1.12 | including corporate sponsors.  |
| 1.13 | (b) A grant recipient must employ a sliding reimbursement scale in the agency's              |
| 1.14 | buyback program. The scale must pay more for operational firearms than nonoperational        |
| 1.15 | firearms and pay more for handguns than other types of firearms.                             |
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| 1.16 | Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.   |
| 1.17 | \$ in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner             |

of public safety to fund the grant program established in section 1.

Sec. 2. 1