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H. F. No. **4387**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; creating a grant program for school resource officer  
1.3 training; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.44.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.44, is amended to read:

1.6 **126C.44 SAFE SCHOOLS LEVY REVENUE.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Safe schools revenue. (a) Each district may make a levy on all taxable  
1.8 property located within the district for the purposes specified in this section. The maximum  
1.9 amount which may be levied for all costs under this section shall be equal to \$36 times the  
1.10 district's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

1.11 (b) A school district that is a member of an intermediate school district may include in  
1.12 its authority under this section the costs associated with safe schools activities authorized  
1.13 under subdivision 2 for intermediate school district programs. This authority must not exceed  
1.14 \$15 times the adjusted pupil units of the member districts. This authority is in addition to  
1.15 any other authority authorized under this section. Revenue raised under this paragraph must  
1.16 be transferred to the intermediate school district.

1.17 Subd. 2. Revenue uses. (a) Each district may make a levy on all taxable property located  
1.18 within the district for the purposes specified in this section. The maximum amount which  
1.19 may be levied for all costs under this section shall be equal to \$36 multiplied by the district's  
1.20 adjusted pupil units for the school year. The proceeds of the levy A school district's safe  
1.21 schools revenue must be reserved and used for directly funding the following purposes or

2.1 for reimbursing the cities and counties who contract with the district for the following  
2.2 purposes:

2.3 (1) to pay the costs incurred for the salaries, benefits, and transportation costs of school  
2.4 resource officers and other peace officers and sheriffs for liaison in services in the district's  
2.5 schools;

2.6 (2) to pay the costs for a drug abuse prevention program as defined in section 609.101,  
2.7 subdivision 3, paragraph (e), in the elementary schools;

2.8 (3) to pay the costs for a gang resistance education training curriculum in the district's  
2.9 schools;

2.10 (4) to pay the costs for security in the district's schools and on school property;

2.11 (5) to pay the costs for other crime prevention, drug abuse, student and staff safety,  
2.12 voluntary opt-in suicide prevention tools, and violence prevention measures taken by the  
2.13 school district;

2.14 (6) to pay costs for licensed school counselors, licensed school nurses, licensed school  
2.15 social workers, licensed school psychologists, and licensed alcohol and chemical dependency  
2.16 counselors to help provide early responses to problems;

2.17 (7) to pay for facility security enhancements including laminated glass, public  
2.18 announcement systems, emergency communications devices, and equipment and facility  
2.19 modifications related to violence prevention and facility security;

2.20 (8) to pay for costs associated with improving the school climate; or

2.21 (9) to pay costs for collocating and collaborating with mental health professionals who  
2.22 are not district employees or contractors.

2.23 **Subd. 3. School resource officers.** (a) For purposes of this section, "school resource  
2.24 officer" means a peace officer licensed according to section 626.84 and having received  
2.25 school resource officer training within the past five years. The commissioner of education  
2.26 and the director of the Minnesota School Safety Center may develop school resource officer  
2.27 training guidelines and provide a list of approved school resource officer training programs.

2.28 (b) For expenditures under ~~paragraph (a),~~ subdivision 2, clause (1), the district must  
2.29 initially attempt to contract for services to be provided by peace officers or sheriffs with  
2.30 the police department of each city or the sheriff's department of the county within the district  
2.31 containing the school receiving the services. If a local police department or a county sheriff's  
2.32 department does not wish to provide the necessary services, the district may contract for

3.1 these services with any other police or sheriff's department located entirely or partially  
 3.2 within the school district's boundaries.

3.3 ~~(c) A school district that is a member of an intermediate school district may include in~~  
 3.4 ~~its authority under this section the costs associated with safe schools activities authorized~~  
 3.5 ~~under paragraph (a) for intermediate school district programs. This authority must not exceed~~  
 3.6 ~~\$15 times the adjusted pupil units of the member districts. This authority is in addition to~~  
 3.7 ~~any other authority authorized under this section. Revenue raised under this paragraph must~~  
 3.8 ~~be transferred to the intermediate school district.~~

3.9 **Sec. 2. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER TRAINING GRANTS; APPROPRIATION.**

3.10 Subdivision 1. **Appropriation; school resource officer training grants.** (a) \$..... in  
 3.11 fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education to  
 3.12 reimburse school districts and charter schools for up to one-half of the costs of school  
 3.13 resource officer training, but not to exceed \$..... per officer. A district or charter school  
 3.14 must apply reimbursement in the form and manner specified by the commissioner of  
 3.15 education. The commissioner must prorate grant amounts if the appropriation is insufficient  
 3.16 to fully fund the state's share of the training.

3.17 (b) The annual budget base for this program for fiscal year 2020 and later is \$.....

3.18 Subd. 2. **Matching funds.** A school district or charter school and the local law  
 3.19 enforcement agency must enter into an agreement to pay for the remaining training costs  
 3.20 for school resource officer training. The school district or charter school and the local law  
 3.21 enforcement agency may seek private funds to pay for the local share of the school resource  
 3.22 officer training costs.