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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; allowing school districts to use safe schools levy proceeds
1.3 for mental health services and facility modifications designed to enhance student
1.4 and staff safety; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.44.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 126C.44, is amended to read:

1.7 **126C.44 SAFE SCHOOLS LEVY.**

1.8 (a) Each district may make a levy on all taxable property located within the district
1.9 for the purposes specified in this section. The maximum amount which may be levied
1.10 for all costs under this section shall be equal to \$30 multiplied by the district's adjusted
1.11 marginal cost pupil units for the school year.

1.12 (b) The proceeds of the levy must be reserved and used for directly funding the
1.13 following purposes or for reimbursing the cities and counties who contract with the district
1.14 for the following purposes: (1) to pay the costs incurred for the salaries, benefits, and
1.15 transportation costs of peace officers and sheriffs for liaison in services in the district's
1.16 schools; (2) to pay the costs for a drug abuse prevention program as defined in section
1.17 609.101, subdivision 3, paragraph (e), in the elementary schools; (3) to pay the costs for a
1.18 gang resistance education training curriculum in the district's schools; (4) to pay the costs
1.19 for security in the district's schools and on school property; (5) to pay the costs for other
1.20 crime prevention, drug abuse, student and staff safety, voluntary opt-in suicide prevention
1.21 tools, and violence prevention measures taken by the school district; ~~or~~ (6) to pay costs
1.22 for licensed school counselors, licensed school nurses, licensed school social workers,
1.23 licensed school psychologists, and licensed alcohol and chemical dependency counselors
1.24 to help provide early responses to problems; (7) to pay the costs of mental health services,

2.1 including services provided by professionals who are not district employees; or (8)
2.2 to pay for building security enhancements, including equipment purchases and facility
2.3 modifications.

2.4 (c) For expenditures under paragraph (b), clause (1), the district must initially
2.5 attempt to contract for services to be provided by peace officers or sheriffs with the
2.6 police department of each city or the sheriff's department of the county within the district
2.7 containing the school receiving the services. If a local police department or a county
2.8 sheriff's department does not wish to provide the necessary services, the district may
2.9 contract for these services with any other police or sheriff's department located entirely or
2.10 partially within the school district's boundaries.

2.11 ~~(b)~~ (d) A school district that is a member of an intermediate school district may
2.12 include in its authority under this section the costs associated with safe schools activities
2.13 authorized under paragraph (a) for intermediate school district programs. This authority
2.14 must not exceed \$10 times the adjusted marginal cost pupil units of the member districts.
2.15 This authority is in addition to any other authority authorized under this section. Revenue
2.16 raised under this paragraph must be transferred to the intermediate school district.

2.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2013 and later.