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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; authorizing a one-year continuation of safe schools  
1.3 aid; increasing the safe schools levy; appropriating money; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2018, section 126C.44; Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 11,  
1.5 article 5, section 5.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 126C.44, is amended to read:

1.8 **126C.44 SAFE SCHOOLS LEVY.**

1.9 (a) Each district may make a levy on all taxable property located within the district for  
1.10 the purposes specified in this section. The maximum amount ~~which~~ that may be levied for  
1.11 all costs under this section ~~shall be equal to \$36~~ equals \$72 multiplied by the district's  
1.12 adjusted pupil units for the school year.

1.13 (b) The proceeds of the levy must be reserved and used for directly funding the following  
1.14 purposes or for reimbursing the cities and counties who contract with the district for the  
1.15 following purposes:

1.16 (1) to pay the costs incurred for the salaries, benefits, and transportation costs of peace  
1.17 officers and sheriffs for liaison in services in the district's schools;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.11 (9) to pay costs for colocating and collaborating with mental health professionals who  
 2.12 are not district employees or contractors.

2.13 ~~(b)~~ (c) For expenditures under paragraph ~~(a)~~ (b), clause (1), the district must initially  
 2.14 attempt to contract for services to be provided by peace officers or sheriffs with the police  
 2.15 department of each city or the sheriff's department of the county within the district containing  
 2.16 the school receiving the services. If a local police department or a county sheriff's department  
 2.17 does not wish to provide the necessary services, the district may contract for these services  
 2.18 with any other police or sheriff's department located entirely or partially within the school  
 2.19 district's boundaries.

2.20 ~~(e)~~ (d) A school district that is a member of an intermediate school district or other  
 2.21 cooperative unit under section 123A.24 providing direct services to students may include  
 2.22 in its authority under this section the costs associated with safe schools activities authorized  
 2.23 under paragraph ~~(a)~~ (b) for intermediate school district and other cooperative programs.  
 2.24 This authority must not exceed the product of:

2.25 (1) \$15 ~~times~~;

2.26 (2) the ratio of the formula allowance in paragraph (a) for the current year to the formula  
 2.27 allowance in paragraph (a) for taxes payable in 2020; and

2.28 (3) the adjusted pupil units of the member districts.

2.29 This authority is in addition to any other authority authorized under this section. Revenue  
 2.30 raised under this paragraph must be transferred to the intermediate school district.

2.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in fiscal year 2021 and  
 2.32 later.

3.1 Sec. 2. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 11, article 5, section 5, is amended to  
3.2 read:

3.3 Sec. 5. ~~CLOSING BALANCE ALLOCATION; SAFE SCHOOLS SUPPLEMENTAL~~  
3.4 ~~AID.~~

3.5 Subdivision 1. ~~Excess calculation~~ State aid amount; appropriation. (a) If the fiscal  
3.6 year 2019 final closing balance in the general fund exceeds the closing balance projected  
3.7 at the end of the 2019 legislative session by at least \$63,000,000, \$30,000,000 is appropriated  
3.8 in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for safe schools  
3.9 supplemental aid and is allocated according to subdivision 2, paragraph (a).

3.10 (b) ~~If the fiscal year closing balance in the general fund exceeds the closing balance~~  
3.11 ~~projected at the end of the 2019 legislative session by at least \$33,000,000, but less than~~  
3.12 ~~\$63,000,000, the amount equal to the fiscal year 2019 closing balance, minus the closing~~  
3.13 ~~balance projected at the end of the legislative session, minus \$33,000,000~~ \$7,268,000 is  
3.14 ~~appropriated on October 1, 2019,~~ in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the  
3.15 commissioner of education for safe schools supplemental aid to cooperative units and is  
3.16 allocated according to subdivision 2, paragraph (b). ~~The appropriation is available until~~  
3.17 ~~June 30, 2020.~~

3.18 Subd. 2. **Safe schools supplemental aid.** (a) Safe schools supplemental aid for a school  
3.19 district or charter school equals the product of:

3.20 (1) the amount appropriated under subdivision 1, paragraph (a); and

3.21 (2) the ratio of the school district or charter school's adjusted average daily membership  
3.22 for the second previous fiscal year 2018 to the state total adjusted average daily membership  
3.23 for fiscal year 2018.

3.24 (b) Safe schools supplemental aid for an intermediate school district or other cooperative  
3.25 unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 123A.24, subdivision 2, that primarily provides direct  
3.26 services to students equals the product of:

3.27 (1) \$12.50; and

3.28 (2) the adjusted average daily membership for the second previous year of the school  
3.29 districts that were members of the intermediate school district or other cooperative unit for  
3.30 that year.

4.1 (c) For a school district, intermediate school district, or other cooperative unit, safe  
4.2 schools supplemental aid must be reserved and used only for costs associated with safe  
4.3 schools activities authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.44.

4.4 ~~(e)~~ (d) For a charter school, safe schools supplemental aid must be reserved and used  
4.5 only for costs associated with safe schools activities authorized under Minnesota Statutes,  
4.6 section 126C.44, or building lease expenses not funded by charter school building lease aid  
4.7 that are attributable to facility security enhancements made by the landlord after March 1,  
4.8 2019.

4.9 ~~(d)~~ (e) One hundred percent of the aid under this section must be paid in the current year  
4.10 on a schedule to be determined by the commissioner.

4.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2021.