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H. F. No. **2538**

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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; requiring student and staff safety measures to be included
1.3 in each school district's long-term facilities maintenance school facility plan;
1.4 increasing safe schools funding; creating school security systems grants;
1.5 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.595,
1.6 subdivision 4.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.595, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 4. **Facilities plans.** (a) To qualify for revenue under this section, a school district
1.10 or intermediate district, not including a charter school, must have a ten-year facility plan
1.11 adopted by the school board and approved by the commissioner. The plan must include
1.12 provisions for implementing a health and safety program that complies with health, safety,
1.13 and environmental regulations and best practices, including indoor air quality management
1.14 and remediation of lead hazards.

1.15 (b) The facilities plan must also include a safe schools plan for each school site identifying
1.16 physical modifications to improve student and staff safety at the school site.

1.17 ~~(b)~~ (c) The district must annually update the plan, submit the plan to the commissioner
1.18 for approval by July 31, and indicate whether the district will issue bonds to finance the
1.19 plan or levy for the costs.

1.20 ~~(e)~~ (d) For school districts issuing bonds to finance the plan, the plan must include a
1.21 debt service schedule demonstrating that the debt service revenue required to pay the principal
1.22 and interest on the bonds each year will not exceed the projected long-term facilities revenue
1.23 for that year.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for plans submitted to the commissioner
2.2 on or after August 1, 2023.

2.3 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; SCHOOL SECURITY GRANTS.**

2.4 (a) \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the
2.5 Department of Public Safety for the Office of Justice Programs, in consultation with the
2.6 Minnesota School Safety Center, to issue school security grants to school districts and
2.7 charter schools.

2.8 (b) A school district or charter school may apply for a grant in the form and manner
2.9 specified by the Office of Justice Programs. The Office of Justice Programs may establish
2.10 application timelines for the award of grants and may award grants in more than one round.
2.11 Applications for the last round of grants must be received by the Office of Justice Programs
2.12 no later than August 1, 2024.

2.13 (c) Grants may be awarded in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 per district. The grants
2.14 must be awarded to schools located in all geographic regions of the state and priority must
2.15 be given to facilities serving the largest number of students within that geographic region.

2.16 (d) The Minnesota School Safety Center must prepare a list of vendors authorized to
2.17 provide the security services and products listed in this paragraph. A school district or charter
2.18 school must use grant funds to contract with an approved vendor for implementation and
2.19 installation of a comprehensive, multilayered, integrated security system, including an
2.20 evaluation of a school site's current security systems, and training for school staff on using
2.21 the security systems. The security systems must include a system to alert local law
2.22 enforcement of an immediate security threat within each room in the school. The grants
2.23 must be used for one or more of the following purposes:

2.24 (1) bullet-resistant interior doors and windows;

2.25 (2) ballistic wall panels;

2.26 (3) magnetic door-locking systems;

2.27 (4) remote lock-down activation systems;

2.28 (5) a mass notification system unified with an emergency communication system;

2.29 (6) an emergency building access system for first responders including fire, emergency
2.30 medical services, and law enforcement personnel;

2.31 (7) an access control system with remote door-release capabilities;

3.1 (8) electronic access controls for main distribution frame and independent distribution
3.2 frame rooms with a key override;

3.3 (9) classroom duress alarms linked to a law enforcement and administration notification
3.4 system;

3.5 (10) security system training for staff to initiate emergency protocols;

3.6 (11) ballistic security glass for interior door vision panels and sidelites;

3.7 (12) electronic access control systems for primary building entrances; and

3.8 (13) classroom door installations that optimize safety and security.

3.9 (e) The Minnesota School Safety Center must identify vendors that provide the services
3.10 and systems required under paragraph (d) and provide districts and charter schools with a
3.11 list of approved vendors.

3.12 (f) The Department of Public Safety may retain up to 2.5 percent of the appropriation
3.13 for the Office of Justice Programs to administer the grant and for the Minnesota School
3.14 Safety Center to provide districts and charter schools technical assistance.

3.15 (g) By February 15 following each year a grant is awarded under this section, the
3.16 Minnesota School Safety Center, Office of Justice Programs, and Department of Public
3.17 Safety shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
3.18 with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education on the number and amount
3.19 of grant awards, a description of each grant recipient's purchased items and vendors
3.20 contracted for school security systems installation and technical assistance, and considerations
3.21 on future school security grant funding, management, and installation.

3.22 (h) This is a onetime appropriation. This appropriation does not cancel but is available
3.23 until June 30, 2026.