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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for school safety grants;
1.3 authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.5 Section 1. SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Appropriation. (a) \$..... is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund
1.7 to the commissioner of education for school safety facility grants for improvements related
1.8 to violence prevention and facility security.

1.9 (b) A school district may apply for a school safety facility grant in the form and manner
1.10 specified by the commissioner of education.

1.11 (c) After consultation with the Department of Public Safety's Minnesota School Safety
1.12 Center, the commissioner of education may award a school safety facility grant to a school
1.13 district of no more than \$500,000 for each qualifying school building. The commissioner
1.14 must award grants for projects that meet the requirements of this subdivision on a first-come,
1.15 first-served basis, except that the commissioner must give priority to districts that previously
1.16 applied for but were not awarded a grant under Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 1, section
1.17 4, subdivision 3.

1.18 (d) Grants may be used to predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip school facilities
1.19 and includes renovating and expanding existing buildings and facilities.

1.20 (e) Before a grant is approved, the district must provide documentation acceptable to
1.21 the commissioner of education on how the grant will be used.

2.1 (f) No money for construction may be distributed by the commissioner of education to  
2.2 the recipient school district until bids have been received on 100 percent of the construction  
2.3 documents and satisfactory documentation has been submitted to the commissioner of  
2.4 education indicating the project can be fully completed with money available for the project.

2.5 (g) Grants are available when the commissioner of management and budget determines  
2.6 that sufficient resources have been committed to complete the project, as required by  
2.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.502.

2.8 Subd. 2. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in subdivision 1 from the bond  
2.9 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of  
2.10 the state in an amount up to \$..... in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect  
2.11 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota  
2.12 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

2.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.