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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education; modifying the safe schools revenue program; appropriating

1.3 money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 126C.44.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, 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 multiplied

1.10 by For fiscal year 2022 and later, safe schools revenue for a school district equals \$37 times

1.11 the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year. For fiscal year 2022 and later, safe

1.12 schools revenue for a school district that is a member of a cooperative equals \$16 times the

1.13 district's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

1.14 Subd. 2. Safe schools levy. (a) For fiscal year 2022, a district's safe schools levy equals

1.15 \$36 times the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year. For fiscal year 2023 and

1.16 later, a district's safe schools levy equals \$37 times the district's adjusted pupil units for the

1.17 school year.

1.18 (b) To obtain safe schools revenue for fiscal year 2023 and later, a district may levy an

1.19 amount not more than the product of its safe schools revenue for the fiscal year times the

1.20 lesser of one or the ratio of its adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit to the safe

1.21 schools equalizing factor. The safe schools equalizing factor equals 60 percent of the state

1.22 average net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit for all school districts.

2.1 (c) A school district that is a member of a cooperative unit may include in its levy
2.2 authority under this section the costs associated with safe schools activities authorized under
2.3 subdivision 7, or cooperative unit programs. For fiscal year 2022, for a district that is a
2.4 member of an intermediate district, this authority must not exceed \$15 times the adjusted
2.5 pupil units of the member districts. For fiscal year 2023 and later, for a district that is a
2.6 member of a cooperative unit, this authority must not exceed \$16 times the adjusted pupil
2.7 units of the member districts. This authority is in addition to any other authority authorized
2.8 under this section. Revenue raised under this paragraph must be transferred to the cooperative
2.9 unit. For purposes of this paragraph, "cooperative unit" includes entities defined under
2.10 section 123A.24, subdivision 2, and other joint powers districts.

2.11 Subd. 3. **Safe schools aid.** A district's safe schools aid equals its safe schools revenue
2.12 minus its safe schools levy times the ratio of the actual amount levied to the permitted levy.
2.13 A school district that is a member of a cooperative unit's aid equals its safe schools revenue
2.14 minus its safe schools levy times the ratio of the actual amount levied to the permitted levy,
2.15 except that for fiscal year 2022 only, the safe schools revenue for a school district that is a
2.16 member of a cooperative unit, other than an intermediate school district, must be all aid.
2.17 State aid under this subdivision for a cooperative unit must be transferred to the cooperative
2.18 unit.

2.19 Subd. 4. **Safe schools aid for charter schools.** (a) For fiscal year 2022 and later, safe
2.20 schools aid for a charter school equals \$37 times the adjusted pupil units for the school year.

2.21 (b) Safe schools aid must be reserved and used only for costs associated with safe schools
2.22 activities authorized under subdivision 7.

2.23 Subd. 5. **Safe schools aid for nonpublic schools.** (a) For fiscal year 2022 and later, safe
2.24 schools aid for a nonpublic school equals \$37 times enrollment for the school year.

2.25 (b) Safe schools aid must be reserved and used only for costs associated with safe schools
2.26 activities authorized under subdivision 7. For purposes of this subdivision, "nonpublic
2.27 school" includes entities defined under section 123B.41, subdivision 9.

2.28 Subd. 6. **Safe schools aid for American Indian tribal contract or grant schools.** (a)
2.29 For fiscal year 2022 and later, safe schools aid for an American Indian tribal contract or
2.30 grant school equals \$37 times enrollment for the school year.

2.31 (b) Safe schools aid must be reserved and used only for costs associated with safe schools
2.32 activities authorized under subdivision 7. For purposes of this subdivision, "American Indian
2.33 tribal contract or grant school" includes entities defined under section 124D.73, subdivision
2.34 4.

3.1 Subd. 7. Uses of safe schools revenue. ~~The proceeds of the levy~~ (a) For fiscal year 2021
3.2 and later, safe schools revenue must be reserved and used for directly funding the following
3.3 purposes or for reimbursing the cities and counties who contract with the district for the
3.4 following purposes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.22 (9) to pay costs for collocating and collaborating with mental health professionals who
3.23 are not district employees or contractors or for school-linked mental health services delivered
3.24 by telemedicine; or

3.25 (10) to pay for the costs of enhancing cybersecurity in the district's information system.

3.26 (b) For expenditures under paragraph (a), clause (1), the district must initially attempt
3.27 to contract for services to be provided by peace officers or sheriffs with the police department
3.28 of each city or the sheriff's department of the county within the district containing the school
3.29 receiving the services. If a local police department or a county sheriff's department does
3.30 not wish to provide the necessary services, the district may contract for these services with
3.31 any other police or sheriff's department located entirely or partially within the school district's
3.32 boundaries.

4.1 ~~(e) A school district that is a member of an intermediate school district may include in~~
 4.2 ~~its authority under this section the costs associated with safe schools activities authorized~~
 4.3 ~~under paragraph (a) for intermediate school district programs. This authority must not exceed~~
 4.4 ~~\$15 times the adjusted pupil units of the member districts. This authority is in addition to~~
 4.5 ~~any other authority authorized under this section. Revenue raised under this paragraph must~~
 4.6 ~~be transferred to the intermediate school district.~~

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

4.8 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

4.9 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
 4.10 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
 4.11 designated.

4.12 Subd. 2. **Safe schools revenue.** For safe schools revenue under Minnesota Statutes,
 4.13 section 126C.44, subdivision 1:

4.14 \$ 2022

4.15 \$ 2023

4.16 The fiscal year 2022 appropriation includes \$0 for 2021 and \$..... for 2022. The fiscal
 4.17 year 2023 appropriation includes \$..... for 2022 and \$..... for 2023.