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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance
See First Special Session 2019, SF7, Art. 3, Sec. 23

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; establishing the no child left inside grant program;
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 84.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[84.976] NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE GRANT PROGRAM.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of natural resources must establish
1.8 and administer a program to provide grants for outdoor environmental, ecological, and other
1.9 natural-resource-based education and recreation programs serving youth.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** The commissioner may award grants under this section to public
1.11 entities or private nonprofit organizations.

1.12 Subd. 3. **Priorities.** In awarding grants under this section, the commissioner must give
1.13 priority to programs that:

1.14 (1) provide students with opportunities to directly experience and understand nature and
1.15 the natural world;

1.16 (2) use a research-based, effective environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other
1.17 natural-resource-based educational curriculum;

1.18 (3) maximize the number of participants that can be served;

1.19 (4) use state park and other natural resource venues and personnel as a resource; and

1.20 (5) commit matching funds or in-kind resources.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Rule exemption.** The commissioner is not subject to the rulemaking provisions
2.2 of chapter 14 in implementing this section, and section 14.386 does not apply.

2.3 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.4 \$..... in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the fund to the commissioner of natural
2.5 resources for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976.