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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

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 2019 is appropriated from the .... fund to the commissioner of natural  
2.5 resources for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.976.