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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; increasing safe schools revenue; equalizing the safe  
1.3 schools levy; linking the portion of the levy available for intermediate school  
1.4 districts to the school district per pupil allowance; appropriating money; amending  
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.44.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 126C.44, is amended to read:

1.8 **126C.44 SAFE SCHOOLS LEVY.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. Safe schools revenue. (a) A school district's safe schools revenue equals  
1.10 \$..... times the adjusted pupil units for that school year plus any amounts authorized under  
1.11 subdivision 6.

1.12 (b) A charter school's safe schools revenue equals \$..... times the adjusted pupil units  
1.13 for that year.

1.14 Subd. 2. Safe schools levy. (a) Each district may make a levy on all taxable property  
1.15 located within the district for the purposes specified in this section. The maximum To obtain  
1.16 safe schools revenue, a school district must levy an amount which may be levied for all  
1.17 costs under this section shall be equal to \$36 multiplied by the district's not more than the  
1.18 product of its safe schools revenue under subdivision 1 times the lesser of one or the ratio  
1.19 of its adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil units for the school year unit to 100 percent  
1.20 of the statewide adjusted net tax capacity equalizing factor.

1.21 Subd. 3. Safe schools aid. (a) A school district's safe schools aid equals its safe schools  
1.22 revenue minus its safe schools levy.

1.23 (b) A charter school's safe schools aid equals its safe schools revenue.

2.1 Subd. 4. Revenue reserved. ~~The proceeds of the levy~~ A school district's safe schools  
2.2 revenue must be reserved and used for directly funding the following purposes or for  
2.3 reimbursing the cities and counties who contract with the district for the following purposes:  
2.4 authorized in subdivision 5.

2.5 Subd. 5. Revenue uses. (a) A school district must use its safe schools revenue for the  
2.6 following:

2.7 (1) to pay the costs incurred for the salaries, benefits, and transportation costs of peace  
2.8 officers and sheriffs for liaison in services in the district's schools, whether through contract  
2.9 or reimbursement to the city or county employing authority;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.25 (9) to pay costs for collocating and collaborating with mental health professionals who  
2.26 are not district employees or contractors.

2.27 (b) For expenditures under paragraph (a), clause (1), the district must initially attempt  
2.28 to contract for services to be provided by peace officers or sheriffs with the police department  
2.29 of each city or the sheriff's department of the county within the district containing the school  
2.30 receiving the services. If a local police department or a county sheriff's department does  
2.31 not wish to provide the necessary services, the district may contract for these services with

3.1 any other police or sheriff's department located entirely or partially within the school district's  
3.2 boundaries.

3.3 Subd. 6. **Intermediate school districts.** (e) A school district that is a member of an  
3.4 intermediate school district may include in its authority under this section the costs associated  
3.5 with safe schools activities authorized under ~~paragraph (a)~~ subdivision 5 for intermediate  
3.6 school district programs. This authority must not exceed the product of:

3.7 (1) the ratio of the safe schools allowance in subdivision 1, paragraph (a), for the current  
3.8 year to the allowance for taxes payable in 2018;

3.9 (2) \$15 ~~times~~; and

3.10 (3) the adjusted pupil units of the member districts.

3.11 This authority is in addition to any other authority authorized under this section. Revenue  
3.12 raised under this paragraph must be transferred to the intermediate school district.

3.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2019 and later.

3.14 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; SAFE SCHOOLS AID.**

3.15 Subdivision 1. **Commissioner of education.** The sum indicated in this section is  
3.16 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education for the specified  
3.17 purpose.

3.18 Subd. 2. **Safe schools aid.** (a) For safe schools aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.19 126C.44:

3.20 §                    .....    .....    2019

3.21 (b) For fiscal year 2019 only, each district's safe schools state aid equals its safe schools  
3.22 revenue for fiscal year 2019 minus the safe schools levy certified by the school district for  
3.23 taxes payable in 2018.