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Introduction and first reading
Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to education finance; appropriating money for school safety grants.
 1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. **SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS; APPROPRIATION.**

1.5 (a) \$250,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$250,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 are
 1.6 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education for school safety
 1.7 facility grants for improvements related to violence prevention and facility security.

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

1.10 (c) After consultation with the Department of Public Safety's Minnesota School Safety
 1.11 Center, the commissioner of education may award a school safety facility grant to a school
 1.12 district of no more than \$500,000 for each qualifying school building. The commissioner
 1.13 must award grants for projects that meet the requirements of this subdivision on a first-come,
 1.14 first-served basis, except that for grants in fiscal year 2020, the commissioner must give
 1.15 priority to districts that previously applied for, but were not awarded, a grant under Laws
 1.16 2018, chapter 214, article 1, section 4, subdivision 3.

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

1.19 (e) Before a grant is approved, the district must provide documentation acceptable to
 1.20 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 and documented on 100 percent
2.3 of the construction project, and satisfactory documentation has been submitted to the
2.4 commissioner of education indicating the project can be fully completed with money available
2.5 for the project.