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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 3495

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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; expanding school safety grant eligibility to nonpublic
1.3 and Tribal contract schools; appropriating money; amending Laws 2023, chapter
1.4 55, article 8, section 19, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 8, section 19, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Building and cybersecurity grant program. (a) To provide grants to school
1.8 districts and, charter schools, nonpublic schools, and Tribal contract schools to improve
1.9 building security and cybersecurity:

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Year, Amount, Year. Row 1: \$ 24,332,000,, 2024. Row 2: \$ 0,, 2025. Row 3: \$,, 2026.

1.13 (b) A cooperative unit, school district, or charter school, nonpublic school as defined in
1.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.41, subdivision 9, or Tribal contract school eligible for
1.15 funding under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.83, may apply for a grant in the form and
1.16 manner specified by the commissioner. If grants from the 2024 appropriation have not yet
1.17 been awarded as of the effective date of this act, the commissioner may reopen the grant
1.18 application process, adjust preliminary grant amounts, and award additional grants.

1.19 (c) Funds may be used for security-related facility improvements, cybersecurity insurance
1.20 premiums, and associated costs.

1.21 (d) Of the 2024 and 2026 appropriations, up to \$100,000 is available for grant
1.22 administration and monitoring.

- 2.1 (e) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, ~~2027~~ 2029.
- 2.2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following enactment.