

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 3493 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. [121A.036] SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS.

1.4 Subdivision 1. Minnesota School Safety Center. (a) The Minnesota School Safety  
1.5 Center must:

1.6 (1) develop an evidence-based model school safety plan for use by school boards;

1.7 (2) develop criteria for determining whether a school safety plan is evidence-based;

1.8 (3) review local school safety plans and notify school boards whether their school safety  
1.9 plans meet the requirements of this section;

1.10 (4) assess whether school facility improvements intended to improve school safety are  
1.11 evidence-based;

1.12 (5) administer grants for implementing evidence-based school safety plans, to the extent  
1.13 grant money is available; and

1.14 (6) prepare a report that identifies the schools that have adopted an evidence-based  
1.15 school safety plan and post the report on the Department of Public Safety's publicly facing  
1.16 website. The Minnesota School Safety Center must submit the report to the legislative  
1.17 committees with jurisdiction over public safety and kindergarten through grade 12 education.  
1.18 The Minnesota School Safety Center must update the report by December 1, 2028, and  
1.19 every two years thereafter.

1.20 (b) The Minnesota School Safety Center may provide consulting services to schools  
1.21 serving students in kindergarten through grade 12 to develop, improve, or implement an  
1.22 evidence-based school safety plan.

2.1 (c) To implement the requirements of this section, the Minnesota School Safety Center  
2.2 must consult with at least two school mental health professionals. Each mental health  
2.3 professional must be a licensed school psychologist, licensed school social worker, or  
2.4 licensed school counselor. The Minnesota School Safety Center may also consult with the  
2.5 comprehensive school mental health services lead at the Department of Education under  
2.6 section 127A.215.

2.7 Subd. 2. **Model plan.** (a) The Minnesota School Safety Center, in consultation with the  
2.8 Department of Education, must maintain and make available to school boards and charter  
2.9 schools an evidence-based model school safety plan to prevent human-caused safety  
2.10 incidents.

2.11 (b) For purposes of this section and section 121A.0361, an activity, strategy, or  
2.12 intervention is "evidence-based" if it:

2.13 (1) demonstrates a statistically significant effect on improving student outcomes or other  
2.14 relevant outcomes based on:

2.15 (i) strong evidence from at least one well-designed and well-implemented experimental  
2.16 study;

2.17 (ii) moderate evidence from at least one well-designed and well-implemented  
2.18 quasi-experimental study; or

2.19 (iii) promising evidence from at least one well-designed and well-implemented  
2.20 correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias; or

2.21 (2)(i) demonstrates a rationale based on high-quality research findings or positive  
2.22 evaluation that the activity, strategy, or intervention is likely to improve relevant student  
2.23 outcomes or other relevant outcomes; and

2.24 (ii) includes ongoing efforts to examine the effects of the activity, strategy, or intervention.

2.25 (c) The Minnesota School Safety Center must post the model plan on its website no later  
2.26 than September 1, 2026. The Minnesota School Safety Center may make available to school  
2.27 boards evidence-based school safety plans developed by third parties.

2.28 Subd. 3. **Local school safety plan.** (a) A school board of a district or charter school may  
2.29 adopt an evidence-based school safety plan to prevent human-caused safety incidents that  
2.30 meets the minimum requirements of the model plan developed under subdivision 1. A school  
2.31 safety plan may include a crisis management policy under section 121A.035. A school board  
2.32 that adopts a plan must submit the plan to the Minnesota School Safety Center no later than  
2.33 May 1, 2028, and subsequent plans upon adoption by the following May 1.

3.1 (b) A nonpublic school is encouraged to develop an evidence-based school safety plan  
3.2 and consult with the Minnesota School Safety Center on evidence-based approaches to  
3.3 improving school safety.

3.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.5 **Sec. 2. [121A.0361] ANONYMOUS REPORTING SYSTEM.**

3.6 Subdivision 1. **Definition; evidence-based.** As used in this section, the term  
3.7 "evidence-based" has the meaning given it in section 121A.036, subdivision 2.

3.8 Subd. 2. **Local threat reporting system.** (a) A school district or charter school is  
3.9 encouraged to implement a local anonymous threat reporting system. A local anonymous  
3.10 reporting system must:

3.11 (1) support anonymous reporting 24 hours a day through, at a minimum, a mobile  
3.12 application and a multilingual crisis center;

3.13 (2) include crisis centers staffed by persons with evidence-based counseling and crisis  
3.14 intervention training;

3.15 (3) promptly forward reported information to the appropriate school-based team;

3.16 (4) support a coordinated response by schools, 911 telecommunicators, and sworn law  
3.17 enforcement to an identified crisis when response by schools and sworn law enforcement  
3.18 is to be reasonably expected to ensure the public safety and welfare;

3.19 (5) require and certify the training of a school-based team in each school to receive  
3.20 notice of any report submitted through the anonymous reporting system concerning the  
3.21 school, school personnel, or an enrolled student;

3.22 (6) promote public awareness and education about the anonymous reporting system and  
3.23 its reporting methods before launching the system;

3.24 (7) implement an evidence-based student violence prevention training that teaches  
3.25 students how to identify observable warning signs and signals of an individual who may be  
3.26 at risk of self-harm, the importance of taking threats seriously and seeking help, and how  
3.27 to report a person who is at risk using the anonymous reporting system; and

3.28 (8) comply with data practices under chapter 13 and the Family Educational Rights and  
3.29 Privacy Act of 1974, United States Code, title 20, section 1232g.

3.30 (b) A school that implements its own system may enter into a contract to develop and  
3.31 implement an anonymous reporting system that meets the requirements of this subdivision.

4.1 (c) In addition to the system requirements under paragraph (a), a party providing a local  
4.2 anonymous reporting system must establish the following:

4.3 (1) a website to educate students on the availability of the anonymous reporting system  
4.4 and provide guidance on how and when to use the system; and

4.5 (2) a toll-free hotline that can be used to provide anonymous tips regarding dangerous,  
4.6 violent, threatening, harmful, or potentially harmful activity that occurs, or is threatened  
4.7 on, school property or relates to an enrolled student or school personnel.

4.8 (d) A district or charter school that establishes a local anonymous reporting system must  
4.9 form a school-based team at each school site comprised of at least three school employees.

4.10 (e) A nonpublic school may implement a local anonymous reporting system but is not  
4.11 subject to the requirements of this subdivision.

4.12 (f) A district or charter school must report the following information to the department,  
4.13 in the form and manner determined by the commissioner:

4.14 (1) whether the district or charter school has implemented a local anonymous reporting  
4.15 system, and if so:

4.16 (i) the party that provided the system;

4.17 (ii) contact information for each school-based team; and

4.18 (iii) the number of reports received through the local anonymous reporting system, how  
4.19 reports were received, and the number of false reports received; and

4.20 (2) whether the district or charter school has notified students, families, employees, and  
4.21 community members with information about the statewide anonymous threat reporting  
4.22 system.

4.23 Subd. 3. **Statewide system.** A district or charter school that does not implement its own  
4.24 local anonymous reporting system in accordance with subdivision 2 is encouraged to provide  
4.25 to students, families, employees, and community members information about the Department  
4.26 of Public Safety's statewide anonymous threat reporting system and how to use the system  
4.27 by:

4.28 (1) posting on its website information about the Department of Public Safety's statewide  
4.29 anonymous threat reporting system;

4.30 (2) including in the student handbook information about the Department of Public Safety's  
4.31 statewide anonymous threat reporting system; and

5.1 (3) notifying parents annually of the availability of the Department of Public Safety's  
5.2 statewide anonymous threat reporting system.

5.3 Subd. 4. **Department of Education.** (a) By September 1, 2027, the Department of  
5.4 Education must, in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety, make available to  
5.5 all schools where a Minnesota resident may fulfill the compulsory instruction requirements  
5.6 under section 120A.22 a list of third parties that provide anonymous reporting systems that  
5.7 meet the requirements under this section. The list must include third parties who offer free  
5.8 or low-cost anonymous reporting systems.

5.9 (b) By January 15, 2029, and each year thereafter, the commissioner of education must  
5.10 submit a report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten through  
5.11 grade 12 education and public safety with the following information:

5.12 (1) the total number of reports received through a local anonymous reporting system for  
5.13 the preceding school year; and

5.14 (2) for all reports received through a local anonymous reporting system since July 1,  
5.15 2026, the following information disaggregated by school site:

5.16 (i) the type of reports received;

5.17 (ii) the method by which the report was received; and

5.18 (iii) the number of false reports received.

5.19 Subd. 5. **Funding sources.** (a) A district or charter school may accept funds for an  
5.20 anonymous reporting system from public and private sources, including state or federal  
5.21 funding, that is available to increase school safety. Acceptance of funds from a public or  
5.22 private source does not abrogate or modify the anonymous reporting system requirements  
5.23 established under this section.

5.24 (b) The Department of Education must use existing resources to meet the requirements  
5.25 under this section.

5.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

5.27 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.425, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

5.28 Subdivision 1. **Disciplinary dismissals prohibited.** (a) A pupil enrolled in the following  
5.29 is not subject to dismissals under this chapter:

6.1 ~~(1)~~ a preschool or prekindergarten program, including an early childhood family  
 6.2 education, school readiness, school readiness plus, voluntary prekindergarten, Head Start,  
 6.3 or other school-based preschool or prekindergarten program; ~~or.~~

6.4 ~~(2) kindergarten through grade 3.~~

6.5 (b) This provision does not apply to a dismissal from school for less than one school  
 6.6 day, except as provided under chapter 125A and federal law for a student receiving special  
 6.7 education services.

6.8 (c) A pupil enrolled in kindergarten through grade 3 may only be dismissed for a period  
 6.9 of up to three school days. The dismissal is not effective until approved by the district  
 6.10 superintendent or person having administrative control of the charter school.

6.11 ~~(e)~~ (d) Notwithstanding this subdivision, expulsions and exclusions may be used ~~only~~  
 6.12 ~~after resources outlined in subdivision 2 have been exhausted, and only~~ in circumstances  
 6.13 where there is ~~an ongoing serious~~ a safety threat to the child or others.

6.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

6.15 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 124D.901, subdivision 4, is amended  
 6.16 to read:

6.17 Subd. 4. **Allowed uses.** (a) Aid under this section must be used to enhance student  
 6.18 support services by:

6.19 (1) increasing new student support services personnel positions;

6.20 (2) increasing a current student support services personnel position that is less than 1.0  
 6.21 full-time equivalent to a greater number of service hours; or

6.22 (3) making permanent a student support services personnel position hired using onetime  
 6.23 resources.

6.24 (b) Cooperative student support personnel aid must be transferred to the intermediate  
 6.25 district or other cooperative unit of which the district is a member and used to hire new  
 6.26 positions for student support services personnel or increase a current position that is less  
 6.27 than 1.0 full-time equivalent to a greater number of service hours or make permanent a  
 6.28 position hired using onetime resources at the intermediate district or cooperative unit.

6.29 (c) If a school district, charter school, or cooperative unit does not receive at least two  
 6.30 applications and is not able to hire a new full-time equivalent position with student support  
 6.31 personnel aid or use the aid as otherwise provided under subdivision 4a, the aid may be  
 6.32 used for contracted services from individuals licensed to serve as a school counselor, school

7.1 psychologist, school social worker, school nurse, or chemical dependency counselor in  
7.2 Minnesota.

7.3 (d) In addition to the personnel uses authorized under paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) and  
7.4 subdivision 4a, a district, charter school, or cooperative unit may use up to \$5,000 of student  
7.5 support personnel aid each year for the following purposes:

7.6 (1) to cover the costs of providing training or job-embedded coaching; or

7.7 (2) to cover the costs of student support personnel travel among school sites operated  
7.8 by a single district, charter school, or cooperative unit, or among school sites operated by  
7.9 a cooperative unit's member districts or a group of charter schools.

7.10 (e) In addition to the personnel uses authorized under paragraphs (a) to (d) and subdivision  
7.11 4a, a school board may adopt a resolution, after allowing for public testimony at a regularly  
7.12 scheduled board meeting, to allow aid under this section to be used for any of the purposes  
7.13 of section 126C.44.

7.14 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 126C.44, is amended to read:

7.15 **126C.44 SAFE SCHOOLS REVENUE.**

7.16 Subdivision 1. **Safe schools revenue for school districts.** A school district's safe schools  
7.17 revenue equals ~~its safe schools levy~~ \$68 times the district's adjusted pupil units for the school  
7.18 year.

7.19 Subd. 2. **School district safe schools levy.** A school district's safe schools levy equals  
7.20 \$36 times the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

7.21 Subd. 2a. **School district safe schools aid.** A school district's safe schools aid equals  
7.22 its safe school revenue minus its safe school levy.

7.23 Subd. 3. **Cooperative unit safe schools revenue for intermediate school districts.** (a)  
7.24 A cooperative unit's safe schools revenue equals \$35 times the member district's adjusted  
7.25 pupil units for the school year.

7.26 (b) A cooperative unit's safe schools levy for a school district that is a member of an  
7.27 intermediate school district may include in its levy authority under this section the costs  
7.28 associated with safe schools activities authorized under this section for intermediate school  
7.29 district programs. This authority must not exceed the product of equals \$15 and times the  
7.30 adjusted pupil units of the member districts. This authority is in addition to any other authority  
7.31 authorized under this section. Revenue raised ~~under this subdivision~~ by this levy must be  
7.32 transferred to the intermediate school district.

8.1 (c) For an intermediate school district, its cooperative unit safe schools aid equals \$20  
8.2 times the member district's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

8.3 (d) For a cooperative unit other than an intermediate school district, a cooperative unit's  
8.4 safe schools aid equals its safe schools revenue.

8.5 (e) A cooperative unit's safe schools aid must be paid to the cooperative unit in the form  
8.6 and manner specified by the commissioner.

8.7 (f) For purposes of this section, a school district must designate only one cooperative  
8.8 unit as the recipient of its cooperative unit state aid in the form and manner specified by the  
8.9 commissioner.

8.10 (g) For purposes of this section, "cooperative unit" has the meaning given in section  
8.11 123A.24, subdivision 2.

8.12 Subd. 3a. **Safe schools aid for charter schools.** For fiscal year 2027 and later, safe  
8.13 schools aid for a charter school equals \$68 times the adjusted pupil units for the school year.

8.14 Subd. 3b. **Safe schools aid for nonpublic schools.** (a) For fiscal year 2027 and later,  
8.15 safe schools aid for a nonpublic school equals \$68 times the school's enrollment for the  
8.16 school year.

8.17 (b) A nonpublic school must report enrollment and other necessary information to the  
8.18 commissioner in the form and manner specified by the commissioner. The commissioner  
8.19 must establish a payment schedule for safe schools aid for nonpublic schools.

8.20 (c) For purposes of this section, "nonpublic school" has the meaning given in section  
8.21 123B.41, subdivision 9.

8.22 Subd. 3c. **Safe schools aid for American Indian Tribal contract schools.** Safe schools  
8.23 aid for an American Indian Tribal contract school eligible for aid under section 124D.83  
8.24 equals \$68 times the pupil units for the school year calculated under section 124D.83,  
8.25 subdivision 2.

8.26 Subd. 4. **Use of safe schools revenue.** (a) Safe schools revenue must be reserved and  
8.27 used for directly funding the following purposes or for reimbursing the cities and counties  
8.28 who contract with the ~~district~~ school for the following purposes:

8.29 (1) to pay the costs incurred for the salaries, benefits, and transportation costs of peace  
8.30 officers and sheriffs for liaison in services in the ~~district's~~ schools;

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

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

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

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

9.7 (6) to pay costs for licensed school counselors, licensed school nurses, licensed school  
9.8 social workers, licensed school psychologists, and licensed alcohol and substance use  
9.9 disorder counselors to help provide early responses to problems;

9.10 (7) to pay for facility, students, and staff security enhancements including laminated  
9.11 glass, public announcement systems, emergency communications devices, and equipment  
9.12 and facility modifications related to violence prevention and facility security;

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

9.14 (9) to pay costs for colocating and collaborating with mental health professionals who  
9.15 are not ~~district~~ school employees or contractors or for school-linked mental health services  
9.16 delivered by telehealth; or

9.17 (10) to pay for the costs of cybersecurity measures, including updating computer hardware  
9.18 and software, other systems upgrades, and cybersecurity insurance costs.

9.19 (b) For expenditures under paragraph (a), clause (1), the school district must initially  
9.20 attempt to contract for services to be provided by peace officers or sheriffs with the police  
9.21 department of each city or the sheriff's department of the county within the district containing  
9.22 the school receiving the services. If a local police department or a county sheriff's department  
9.23 does not wish to provide the necessary services, the district may contract for these services  
9.24 with any other police or sheriff's department located entirely or partially within the school  
9.25 district's boundaries.

9.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2027 and later.

9.27 Sec. 6. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 8, section 19, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

9.28 Subd. 2. **Building and cybersecurity grant program.** (a) To provide grants to school  
9.29 districts ~~and~~, charter schools, nonpublic schools, and Tribal contract schools to improve  
9.30 building security and cybersecurity:

9.31 \$ 24,332,000 ..... 2024

9.32 \$ 0 ..... 2025

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

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

10.9 (d) Up to \$100,000 is available for grant administration and monitoring.

10.10 (e) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, ~~2027~~ 2029.

10.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following enactment.

10.12 **Sec. 7. SCHOOL SAFETY FACILITY GRANTS.**

10.13 **Subdivision 1. School safety facility grants.** (a) The commissioner of education may  
10.14 award school safety facility grants to qualifying schools to enhance school safety for students  
10.15 and staff.

10.16 (b) For purposes of this section, a "qualifying school" means a school operated by a  
10.17 school district, charter school, cooperative unit defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.18 123A.24, subdivision 2, Tribal contract school, or nonpublic school.

10.19 (c) A school safety facility grant must be used for school facility security improvements  
10.20 authorized under section 126C.44, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (7).

10.21 **Subd. 2. Application.** A qualifying school may apply for a school safety facility grant  
10.22 in the form and manner specified by the commissioner of education. A qualifying school's  
10.23 application must include information on the other sources of funding, if any, that will be  
10.24 used to fully fund the school safety project.

10.25 **Subd. 3. Grant awards.** After consultation with the Department of Public Safety's  
10.26 Minnesota School Safety Center, the commissioner of education may award a school safety  
10.27 facility grant of no more than \$500,000 to each qualifying school. The commissioner must  
10.28 prioritize grant applications. At least half of the grants must be awarded to schools with  
10.29 administrative offices located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area.

10.30 **Subd. 4. Grant disbursement.** No money for construction may be distributed by the  
10.31 commissioner of education to the grant recipient until bids have been received on 100 percent  
10.32 of the construction documents and satisfactory documentation has been submitted to the

11.1 commissioner of education indicating the project can be fully completed with money available  
 11.2 for the project.

11.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

11.4 Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATION CANCELLATION.**

11.5 \$50,000,000 of the appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 1, section 2,  
 11.6 subdivision 2, paragraph (d), as amended by Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 8,  
 11.7 article 1, section 13, for capital improvements and betterments for the Minneapolis-Duluth  
 11.8 Northern Lights Express intercity passenger rail project is canceled on the effective date of  
 11.9 this section.

11.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

11.11 Sec. 9. **APPROPRIATIONS; SCHOOL SAFETY.**

11.12 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 11.13 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal year  
 11.14 designated.

11.15 Subd. 2. **Safe schools aid.** (a) For safe schools aid under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 11.16 126C.44:

11.17     \$      44,588,000      ..... 2027

11.18 (b) The 2027 appropriation includes \$0 for 2026 and \$44,588,000 for 2027.

11.19 Subd. 3. **School safety facility grants.** (a) For school safety facility grants under section  
 11.20 7:

11.21     \$      50,000,000      ..... 2027

11.22 (b) This is a onetime appropriation.

11.23 (c) This appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.

11.24 Subd. 4. **Minnesota School Safety Center.** (a) For transfer to the Department of Public  
 11.25 Safety's Minnesota School Safety Center to develop and distribute an evidence-based model  
 11.26 school safety plan:

11.27     \$      500,000      ..... 2027

11.28 (b) This is a onetime appropriation.

11.29 Subd. 5. **School-linked behavioral health grants.** For transfer to the Department of  
 11.30 Human Services for school linked behavioral health services under section 245.4901:

