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Directs MnDOT to spend at least 5 percent of federal funds designated for transportation enhancements as a grant to the Minnesota safety council, to be used for grants to schools to develop "safe routes to school" programs. Defines these programs to include highway improvements, student and public education, highway safety measures, or traffic control measures and devices.

Requires the commissioner to require as a condition of grants that no more than 5 percent be spent by the safety council on non-grant expenditures, that the grants be available on a competitive basis to all school districts, and that grants be awarded on the basis of:

- ▶ severity of safety problems being addressed
- ▶ number of students affected
- ▶ extent of involvement by students, parents, teachers, local transportation authorities, law enforcement agencies, and school officials
- ▶ effectiveness of program in increasing walking and bicycling to school