

HOUSE RESEARCH

Bill Summary

FILE NUMBER: H.F. 129

DATE: February 13, 2007

Version: As introduced

Authors: Thissen

Subject: Community Partnership Capital Grants

Analyst: Tim Strom

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd.

Overview

This bill appropriates \$4 million for community partnership capital grants. The bill establishes a process for school districts and community partners to develop a plan for a community partnership school and authorizes the commissioner of education to award matching grants to qualifying projects.

Section

1 Community partnership schools grant-in-aid assistance program.

Subd. 1. State assistance. Authorizes the state to pay matching grants not to exceed 50 percent of the cost of renovation of a school facility to serve as a community partnership project. Limits the amount of state money that can be spent on professional services to not more than 10 percent of the state grant.

Subd. 2. Application. Authorizes a school district to apply for a grant from the Commissioner of Education.

Subd. 3. Community partnership project plan. Requires a school district that is interested in receiving a grant to prepare a community partnership project plan. Specifies the plan contents.

Subd. 4. Commissioner review and comment. Requires the commissioner to evaluate grant requests. Requires the commissioner to review and comment on any proposed facility modifications.

Subd. 5. Appropriation requests. Authorizes the commissioner of education to

Section

include a request for future appropriations in the budget for fiscal years 2010 and later.

- 2** **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2008 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for community partnership project capital grants. Requires grant money to be matched with money from nonstate sources.