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Bill Summary

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Overview

The cooperative secondary facilities grant program was initially enacted in 1987 and provided state grants funded through state bond proceeds to groups of local school districts that built new secondary facilities. Grants from state bond proceeds totaling slightly more than $30 million were awarded to five groups of school districts under this program for construction of five new secondary facilities.

The 2007 Legislature expanded the program beyond the secondary grades to encompass facilities serving pupils from all grades. Other significant changes in the 2007 law included increasing the maximum grant amount from $6 million to $20 million, qualifying districts for a grant regardless of the number of pupils served by the district, and allowing individual school districts that have consolidated since 1980 to receive a grant.

This bill authorizes a cooperative facilities grant of $20 million to the Rushford-Peterson school district.

1 **Cooperative facility grant; Rushford-Peterson.**

Subd. 1. Appropriation. Appropriates $20 million from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of education for a cooperative facilities grant to the Rushford-Peterson school district.

Subd. 2. State bond authorization. Requires the commissioner of finance to issue and sell up to $20 million of state bonds to provide money to fund the appropriations required in subdivision 1.