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Overview

During the last two decades, the Minnesota Legislature has often responded to natural and man-made disasters (floods, tornadoes, fires, etc.) with special legislation designed to speed the recovery from that disaster. Funding is sometimes appropriated for losses incurred by local units of government, including school districts. The funding can be for facility needs, added operational expenses, or for the loss of pupils that follows a disaster.

Severe floods affected the Rushford-Peterson school district in 2007 and the Moose Lake school district in 2012. Both districts are seeking to replace the buildings that were damaged by the floods.

This bill authorizes facility grants to each of the two districts in an amount not to exceed the lesser of 75 percent of the total project cost or \$20 million per grant.

Section

- 1 Appropriations.** Appropriates \$40 million from the state bond proceed fund to make two \$20 million school facility grants—one to the Moose Lake School District and one to the Rushford-Peterson School District. Requires that the grant not exceed 75 percent of the total facility cost. Requires that any new building occur outside of a flood plain.