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Appropriates an unspecified amount from the bond proceeds fund to DNR to acquire school trust lands where revenue generation is prohibited.

Minnesota Statutes, section 92.121, directs DNR to exchange permanent school fund land “located in state parks, state recreation areas, wildlife management areas, scientific and natural areas, or state waysides or on lands managed by the commissioner as old growth stands, for other lands as allowed by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 10, and section 94.343, subdivision 1, that are compatible with the goal of the permanent school fund lands in section 127A.31 when, as a result of management practices applied to the permanent school fund lands and associated resources, revenue generation has been diminished or is prohibited and no alternative has been put into effect to compensate the permanent school fund for the income losses.”

Under Minnesota Statutes, section 92.025, "school trust land" means “land granted by the United States for use of schools within each township, swampland granted to the state, and internal improvement land that are reserved for permanent school fund purposes under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 8, and land exchanged, purchased, or granted to the permanent school fund.”

Minnesota Statutes, section 11A.16, requires proceeds derived from the school lands, the swamp lands and the internal improvement lands granted to the state and all cash and investments to be credited to the permanent school fund, to the swamp land fund, and to the internal improvement land fund.