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This bill would require executive branch state agencies (ex. Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Department of Transportation, etc.) and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to get legislative approval and county approval prior to acquiring land.

Under existing law, the DNR is required to get county approval under certain circumstances (acquisition of land for wildlife management areas (WMAs) and scientific and natural areas (SNAs), and when acquiring land as part of the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) critical habitat match program).