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House File 3675 appropriates \$4 million from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of commerce for grants to public school districts for the purchase and installation of solar energy systems on or near school district buildings. The appropriation funds solar panels that produce electricity, which may be combined with energy storage systems or solar thermal projects. The capacity of the solar energy system must be less than 300 kilowatts. Half of the appropriation is available for grants in the seven-county metropolitan area, while half is available to school districts outside that area. The grants may fund up to 95 percent of total project cost, and school districts can issue debt for the balance.