

Subject School Security Facility Grants

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Overview

House File 3492 appropriates \$25 million in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for school facility safety grants of up to \$500,000 each to qualifying schools. Defines a qualifying school as a school facility operated by a school district, charter school, cooperative unit, Tribal contract school, or nonpublic school.

Requires a school to apply for a grant in the form and manner specified by the commissioner for a grant. Directs the proceeds of the grant to be used consistent with the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.44, subdivision 4, clause (7): “to pay for facility security enhancements including laminated glass, public announcement systems, emergency communications devices, and equipment and facility modifications related to violence prevention and facility security.” Requires at least half of the grants to be awarded to schools in Greater Minnesota.

H.F. 3492 also reduces by \$25 million the appropriation for the Northern Lights Express intercity passenger rail project (see Laws 2023, ch. 68, art. 1, § 2, subd. 2, para. (d), as amended by Laws 2025, 1st Spec. Sess. ch. 8, art. 1, § 13).

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