

Subject Cybersecurity Grants

Authors Duran and others

Analyst Tim Strom

Date February 21, 2026

Overview

The 2023 Legislature enacted a cybersecurity grant program for school districts, charter schools and cooperative units serving students (cooperative units include intermediate school districts, special education cooperatives, education districts, service cooperatives, etc.) In the summer of 2025, the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) released a simplified application for the grants with grant amounts dependent on the type and size of the school unit. Grant amounts range from \$15,000 to \$105,000 per school district, charter school, or cooperative. Grants may be used for cybersecurity or security-related facility improvements and are payable to the schools once the school's invoices have been approved by MDE.

As of October 2025, approximately \$10 million of the \$24 million has been paid to the qualifying schools.

H.F. 3495 expands eligible recipients to include Tribal contract schools and nonpublic schools and appropriates an unspecified additional amount of funds for the program.

Summary

Section	Description
---------	-------------

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 | Building and cybersecurity grant program.
Broadens school eligibility for cybersecurity grants to include Tribal contract schools and nonpublic schools. Increases the funding for the grant program by an unspecified amount and extends the program through June 30, 2029. |
|---|--|



**MN HOUSE
RESEARCH**

Minnesota House Research Department provides nonpartisan legislative, legal, and information services to the Minnesota House of Representatives. This document can be made available in alternative formats.

www.house.mn.gov/hrd | 651-296-6753 | Third Floor, Centennial Office Building | St. Paul, MN 55155