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H. F. No. 1360

02/06/2023 Authored by Clardy, Hussein, Hill, Pursell and Youakim The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; increasing safe schools revenue; providing state aid;
1.3 expanding revenue uses to include cyber security measures; appropriating money;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 126C.44.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 126C.44, is amended to read:

1.7 126C.44 SAFE SCHOOLS LEVY REVENUE.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Safe schools revenue for school districts. (a) Each district may make
1.9 a levy on all taxable property located within the district for the purposes specified in this
1.10 section. The maximum amount which may be levied for all costs under this section shall
1.11 be equal to A school district's safe schools revenue for fiscal year 2023 equals \$36 multiplied
1.12 by the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

1.13 (b) For fiscal year 2024 and later, a district's safe school revenue equals the greater of
1.14 \$100,000 or \$44 times the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

1.15 Subd. 2. School district safe schools levy. For fiscal years 2023 and later, a school
1.16 district's safe schools levy equals \$36 times the district's adjusted pupil units for the school
1.17 year.

1.18 Subd. 3. School district safe schools aid. A school district's safe schools aid equals the
1.19 difference between (1) its safe school revenue and its safe schools levy, times (2) the ratio
1.20 of the actual amount levied to the permitted levy.

1.21 Subd. 4. Safe schools revenue for cooperative units for fiscal year 2023. For fiscal
1.22 year 2023, a school district that is a member of an intermediate school district may include

2.1 in its levy authority under this section the costs associated with safe schools activities  
 2.2 authorized under this section for intermediate school district programs. This authority must  
 2.3 not exceed the product of \$15, the ratio of the school district safe schools allowance in  
 2.4 subdivision 1 for the current year to the allowance for the previous year, and the adjusted  
 2.5 pupil units of the member districts. This authority is in addition to any other authority  
 2.6 authorized under this section. Revenue raised under this paragraph must be transferred to  
 2.7 the intermediate school district.

2.8 Subd. 5. **Safe schools revenue for cooperative units for fiscal year 2024 and later.** (a)  
 2.9 For purposes of this subdivision, "cooperative unit" has the meaning given under section  
 2.10 123A.24, subdivision 2.

2.11 (b) Revenue raised under this subdivision must be transferred to the cooperative unit.

2.12 (c) For fiscal year 2024 and later, in addition to the revenue amounts in subdivision 1,  
 2.13 the cooperative safe schools revenue for a school district that is a member of a cooperative  
 2.14 unit that enrolls students equals the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year times  
 2.15 \$18.

2.16 (d) For fiscal year 2024 and later, the cooperative safe schools levy for a school district  
 2.17 that is a member of an intermediate district equals \$15 times the adjusted pupil units of the  
 2.18 member district. The levy authority is in addition to a district's safe schools levy authority  
 2.19 under subdivision 2.

2.20 (e) For fiscal year 2024 and later, the cooperative safe schools aid for a school district  
 2.21 that is a member of a cooperative unit that enrolls students equals the difference between  
 2.22 (1) its cooperative safe schools revenue less its cooperative safe schools levy, times (2) the  
 2.23 ratio of the actual amount levied to the permitted levy.

2.24 Subd. 6. **Use of safe schools revenue.** ~~The proceeds of the levy~~ Safe schools revenue  
 2.25 must be reserved and used for directly funding the following purposes or for reimbursing  
 2.26 the cities and counties who contract with the district for the following purposes:

2.27 (1) to pay the costs incurred for the salaries, benefits, and transportation costs of peace  
 2.28 officers and sheriffs for liaison in services in the district's schools;

2.29 (2) to pay the costs for a drug abuse prevention program as defined in section 609.101,  
 2.30 subdivision 3, paragraph (e), in the elementary schools;

2.31 (3) to pay the costs for a gang resistance education training curriculum in the district's  
 2.32 schools;

2.33 (4) to pay the costs for security in the district's schools and on school property;

3.1 (5) to pay the costs for other crime prevention, drug abuse, student and staff safety,  
 3.2 voluntary opt-in suicide prevention tools, and violence prevention measures taken by the  
 3.3 school district;

3.4 (6) to pay costs for licensed school counselors, licensed school nurses, licensed school  
 3.5 social workers, licensed school psychologists, and licensed alcohol and substance use  
 3.6 disorder counselors to help provide early responses to problems;

3.7 (7) to pay for facility security enhancements including laminated glass, public  
 3.8 announcement systems, emergency communications devices, and equipment and facility  
 3.9 modifications related to violence prevention and facility security;

3.10 (8) to pay for costs associated with improving the school climate; ~~or~~

3.11 (9) to pay costs for collocating and collaborating with mental health professionals who  
 3.12 are not district employees or contractors; or

3.13 (10) to pay for the costs of cyber security measures, including updating computer  
 3.14 hardware and software, other systems upgrades, and cyber security insurance costs.

3.15 (b) For expenditures under paragraph (a), clause (1), the district must initially attempt  
 3.16 to contract for services to be provided by peace officers or sheriffs with the police department  
 3.17 of each city or the sheriff's department of the county within the district containing the school  
 3.18 receiving the services. If a local police department or a county sheriff's department does  
 3.19 not wish to provide the necessary services, the district may contract for these services with  
 3.20 any other police or sheriff's department located entirely or partially within the school district's  
 3.21 boundaries.

3.22 ~~(c) A school district that is a member of an intermediate school district may include in~~  
 3.23 ~~its authority under this section the costs associated with safe schools activities authorized~~  
 3.24 ~~under paragraph (a) for intermediate school district programs. This authority must not exceed~~  
 3.25 ~~\$15 times the adjusted pupil units of the member districts. This authority is in addition to~~  
 3.26 ~~any other authority authorized under this section. Revenue raised under this paragraph must~~  
 3.27 ~~be transferred to the intermediate school district.~~

3.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.29 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS; SAFE SCHOOLS AID.**

3.30 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 3.31 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal years  
 3.32 designated.

- 4.1 Subd. 2. Safe schools aid. For safe schools aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 4.2 126C.44:
- 4.3 \$ ..... ..... 2024
- 4.4 \$ ..... ..... 2025