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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. **3544**

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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; providing grants for water safety instruction for  
1.3 children; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sum indicated in this section is  
1.7 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal year  
1.8 designated.

1.9 Subd. 2. Safety around water grants. (a) For the purposes of providing water safety  
1.10 instruction to children:

1.11 § 500,000 ..... 2019

1.12 (b) The commissioner of education must specify the form and manner for  
1.13 community-based organizations to apply for grants. The commissioner must determine the  
1.14 criteria for allocating grants among eligible applicants. If all funds are not awarded to  
1.15 grantees in fiscal year 2019, the commissioner may award additional grants in fiscal years  
1.16 2020 and 2021.

1.17 (c) Grant awards must be used for the following purposes:

1.18 (1) to provide low income and at-risk children with scholarships for swimming lessons  
1.19 based on nationally recognized water safety curriculum;

1.20 (2) to hire water safety instructors or life guards; or

- 2.1 (3) to train water safety instructors or life guards in nationally recognized water safety
- 2.2 practices and instruction.
- 2.3 (d) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2021.