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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; establishing a grant program to include firearms safety,
1.3 archery, hunting, and angling in school physical education courses; requiring a
1.4 report; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. GRANT PROGRAM; FIREARMS SAFETY, ARCHERY, HUNTING,
1.7 AND ANGLING IN SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Program. (a) The commissioner of natural resources must create a grant
1.9 program to increase firearms safety, archery, hunting, and angling activities in physical
1.10 education courses in Minnesota school districts. A school must ensure that activities funded
1.11 under the program are consistent with required state standards for physical education.

1.12 (b) In developing the program, the commissioner must consult with members from each
1.13 of the following groups: Leech Lake Band, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; Red Lake Band of
1.14 Chippewa Indians; Lower Sioux Indian Reservation; Prairie Island Sioux Indian Reservation;
1.15 Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Indian Reservation; and Upper Sioux Indian Reservation.
1.16 As practicable, the commissioner must incorporate recommendations from these groups in
1.17 the grant program design.

1.18 Subd. 2. Eligibility. (a) A school district or American Indian-controlled tribal contract
1.19 or grant school may apply to the commissioner of natural resources to participate in the
1.20 program in the form and manner determined by the commissioner.

1.21 (b) The commissioner must seek geographic balance among schools selected for
1.22 participation.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Report.** No later than January 15, 2021, the commissioner must report on
2.2 program outcomes to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives
2.3 and senate committees with jurisdiction over education and natural resources policy and
2.4 finance. The report must be in writing.

2.5 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** (a) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year
2.6 2021 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of education for transfer
2.7 to the commissioner of natural resources to implement the program under this section. This
2.8 is a onetime appropriation.

2.9 (b) Money appropriated for the program may be used for Department of Natural
2.10 Resources personnel costs, curriculum development, reporting costs, school staff training,
2.11 outdoor sports licenses for participating students, and equipment used in courses.