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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **259**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Policy  
01/26/2017 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to agriculture; eliminating the cost-share requirement for schools that  
1.3 receive a tractor rollover protection grant; providing a retroactive effective date;  
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 17.119, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 17.119, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Grants; eligibility.** (a) The commissioner must award ~~cost-share~~ grants  
1.8 to Minnesota farmers who retrofit eligible tractors and Minnesota schools that retrofit eligible  
1.9 tractors with eligible rollover protective structures.

1.10 (b) Grants for farmers are limited to 70 percent of the farmer's ~~or school's~~ documented  
1.11 cost to purchase, ship, and install an eligible rollover protective structure. The commissioner  
1.12 must increase ~~the a farmer's~~ grant award amount over the 70 percent grant limitation  
1.13 requirement if necessary to limit a farmer's ~~or school's~~ cost per tractor to no more than \$500.

1.14 (c) Schools are eligible for grants that cover the full amount of a school's documented  
1.15 cost to purchase, ship, and install an eligible rollover protective structure.

1.16 ~~(b)~~ (d) A rollover protective structure is eligible if it meets or exceeds SAE International  
1.17 standard J2194.

1.18 ~~(e)~~ (e) A tractor is eligible if the tractor was built before 1987.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2016.