A bill for an act

relating to state government; requiring proposals for baseball parks; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 240A.

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

Section 1. **[240A.14] BASEBALL PLAN DEVELOPMENT; CRITERIA.**

The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission shall develop a plan to promote the development of proposals for new statewide baseball facilities including proposals for baseball parks and matching grants based on the criteria in this section.

(a) For baseball park proposals, the commission will give priority to proposals that come from more than one local government unit. Institutions of higher education are not eligible to receive a grant.

(b) The commission shall administer a site selection process for the baseball parks. The commission shall invite proposals from cities or counties or consortia of cities. A proposal for a baseball park must include matching contributions including in-kind contributions of land, access roadways and access roadway improvements, and necessary utility services, landscaping, and parking.

(c) The location for all proposed facilities must be in areas of maximum demonstrated interest and must maximize accessibility to an arterial highway.

(d) To the extent possible, all proposed facilities must be dispersed equitably, must be located to maximize potential for full utilization and profitable operation, and must accommodate noncompetitive family and community programs for all ages.

(e) The commission may also use the money to upgrade current facilities.

(f) To the extent possible, 50 percent of all grants must be awarded to communities in greater Minnesota or 12.5 percent per congressional district.

(g) A grant for new facilities may not exceed $100,000.

(h) The commission may make grants for rehabilitation and renovation. A rehabilitation or renovation grant may not exceed $25,000.

(i) Grant money may be used to upgrade existing facilities to comply with the bleacher safety requirements of section 16B.616.