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408 Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Education Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; establishing a grant program for investment in nature and  
1.3 gamesmanship education; requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **GRANT PROGRAM; INVESTMENT IN NATURE AND**  
1.6 **GAMESMANSHIP EDUCATION.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Grant program. (a) The commissioner of natural resources must create  
1.8 a grant program to increase firearms safety, trap shooting, archery, hunting, and angling  
1.9 activities in physical education courses in Minnesota school districts. A school must ensure  
1.10 that activities funded under the program are consistent with required state standards for  
1.11 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, 2025, the commissioner must submit a written  
 2.2 report on program outcomes to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
 2.3 committees with jurisdiction over education and natural resources policy and finance.

2.4 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** (a) The sums in this subdivision are appropriated from the  
 2.5 general fund to the commissioner of education for a transfer to the commissioner of natural  
 2.6 resources to implement the program under this section in the fiscal years designated.

2.7 \$ 5,000,000 ..... 2024

2.8 \$ 5,000,000 ..... 2025

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

2.13 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

2.14 (d) The base for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$5,000,000.

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