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STATE OF MINNESOTA
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

S.F. No. 55

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35 Introduction and first reading
Referred to Rules and Administration

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; appropriating money for supplemental school bus
1.3 transportation grants.

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 coronavirus relief federal fund to the Department of Education for
1.8 the fiscal year designated.

1.9 Subd. 2. Supplemental school bus transportation grants. (a) For supplemental school
1.10 bus transportation grants:

1.11 § 2021

1.12 (b) A school district or charter school may apply for a supplemental school bus
1.13 transportation grant in the form and manner specified by the commissioner. A school district
1.14 or charter school is eligible for a grant if the school district or charter school applies by the
1.15 commissioner-determined deadline, if students attending the school fulfill the state's
1.16 compulsory attendance laws, and if the school agrees to spend the funds only for allowable
1.17 uses as defined in paragraph (c). The commissioner must allocate grant awards equally on
1.18 a per-pupil basis to all qualifying applicants.

1.19 (c) A grant award under this section must be used to provide supplemental school bus
1.20 transportation services that comply with public health guidance and social distancing
1.21 practices. A grant award must be used to supplement not supplant a school district's or
1.22 charter school's existing revenue for student transportation.

2.1 (d) This is a onetime appropriation.

2.2 Subd. 3. **Eligible expenditure from the coronavirus relief federal fund.** (a) No money
2.3 in this section may be spent until the commissioner of management and budget determines
2.4 that the appropriation in this section is an eligible use of the coronavirus relief federal fund.

2.5 (b) The appropriation in this section is available until December 30, 2020.

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