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263.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.595, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

263.10 Subdivision 1. **Long-term facilities maintenance revenue.** ~~(a) For fiscal year 2017~~
 263.11 ~~only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals the greater of (1) the sum of (i) \$193~~
 263.12 ~~times the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's~~
 263.13 ~~average building age to 35 years, plus the cost approved by the commissioner for indoor~~
 263.14 ~~air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos abatement projects under section~~
 263.15 ~~123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000 or more per site, plus (ii) for a~~
 263.16 ~~school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151,~~
 263.17 ~~the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing instructional space to~~
 263.18 ~~accommodate prekindergarten instruction, or (2) the sum of (i) the amount the district would~~
 263.19 ~~have qualified for under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.57, Minnesota Statutes~~
 263.20 ~~2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.591, and (ii) for a school~~
 263.21 ~~district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151, the~~
 263.22 ~~cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing instructional space to~~
 263.23 ~~accommodate prekindergarten instruction.~~

263.24 ~~(b) For fiscal year 2018 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals the greater~~
 263.25 ~~of (1) the sum of (i) \$292 times the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser of one or~~
 263.26 ~~the ratio of the district's average building age to 35 years, plus (ii) the cost approved by the~~
 263.27 ~~commissioner for indoor air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos abatement~~
 263.28 ~~projects under section 123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000 or more~~
 263.29 ~~per site, plus (iii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program~~
 263.30 ~~under section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing~~
 263.31 ~~instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction, or (2) the sum of (i) the~~
 263.32 ~~amount the district would have qualified for under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.57,~~
 263.33 ~~Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.591,~~
 264.1 ~~and (ii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under~~
 264.2 ~~section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing~~
 264.3 ~~instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction.~~

264.4 ~~(c) For fiscal year 2019 and later, (a) Long-term facilities maintenance revenue equals~~
 264.5 ~~the greater of (1) the sum of (i) \$380 times the district's adjusted pupil units times the lesser~~
 264.6 ~~of one or the ratio of the district's average building age to 35 years, plus (ii) the cost approved~~
 264.7 ~~by the commissioner for indoor air quality, fire alarm and suppression, and asbestos~~
 264.8 ~~abatement projects under section 123B.57, subdivision 6, with an estimated cost of \$100,000~~
 264.9 ~~or more per site, plus (iii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten~~
 264.10 ~~program under section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling~~
 264.11 ~~existing instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction, or (2) the sum of~~
 264.12 ~~(i) the amount the district would have qualified for under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section~~
 264.13 ~~123B.57, Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, and Minnesota Statutes 2014, section~~

264.14 123B.591, and (ii) for a school district with an approved voluntary prekindergarten program
 264.15 under section 124D.151, the cost approved by the commissioner for remodeling existing
 264.16 instructional space to accommodate prekindergarten instruction.

264.17 ~~(d)~~ (b) Notwithstanding paragraphs paragraph (a), (b), and (c), a school district that
 264.18 qualified for eligibility under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, subdivision 1,
 264.19 paragraph (a), for fiscal year 2010 remains eligible for funding under this section as a district
 264.20 that would have qualified for eligibility under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59,
 264.21 subdivision 1, paragraph (a), for fiscal year 2017 and later.

264.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2025 and later.

264.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.595, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

264.24 Subd. 2. **Long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a charter school.** ~~(a) For fiscal~~
 264.25 ~~year 2017 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a charter school equals \$34~~
 264.26 ~~times the adjusted pupil units.~~

264.27 ~~(b) For fiscal year 2018 only, long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a charter~~
 264.28 ~~school equals \$85 times the adjusted pupil units.~~

264.29 ~~(c) For fiscal year 2019 and later, Long-term facilities maintenance revenue for a charter~~
 264.30 ~~school equals \$132 times the adjusted pupil units.~~

264.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2025 and later.

265.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.595, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

265.2 Subd. 3. **Intermediate districts and other cooperative units.** (a) Upon approval through
 265.3 the adoption of a resolution by each member district school board of an intermediate district
 265.4 or other cooperative ~~units~~ unit under section 123A.24, subdivision 2, or a joint powers
 265.5 district under section 471.59, and the approval of the commissioner of education, a school
 265.6 district may include in its authority under this section a proportionate share of the long-term
 265.7 maintenance costs of the intermediate district ~~or~~ cooperative unit, or joint powers district.
 265.8 The cooperative unit or joint powers district may issue bonds to finance the project costs
 265.9 or levy for the costs; using long-term maintenance revenue transferred from member districts
 265.10 to make debt service payments or pay project costs or, for leased facilities, pay the portion
 265.11 of lease costs attributable to the amortized cost of long-term facilities maintenance projects
 265.12 completed by the landlord. Authority under this subdivision is in addition to the authority
 265.13 for individual district projects under subdivision 1.

265.14 (b) The resolution adopted under paragraph (a) may specify which member districts will
 265.15 share the project costs under this subdivision, except that debt service payments for bonds
 265.16 issued by a cooperative unit or joint powers district to finance long-term maintenance project
 265.17 costs must be the responsibility of all member districts.

265.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2024 and later.

117.18 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.595, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

117.19 Subd. 3. **Intermediate districts and other cooperative units.** (a) Upon approval through
 117.20 the adoption of a resolution by each member district school board of an intermediate district
 117.21 or other cooperative ~~units~~ unit under section 123A.24, subdivision 2, or a joint powers
 117.22 district under section 471.59, and the approval of the commissioner of education, a school
 117.23 district may include in its authority under this section a proportionate share of the long-term
 117.24 maintenance costs of the intermediate district ~~or~~ cooperative unit, or joint powers district.
 117.25 The cooperative unit or joint powers district may issue bonds to finance the project costs
 117.26 or levy for the costs; using long-term maintenance revenue transferred from member districts
 117.27 to make debt service payments or pay project costs or, for leased facilities, pay the portion
 117.28 of lease costs attributable to the amortized cost of long-term facilities maintenance projects
 117.29 completed by the landlord. Authority under this subdivision is in addition to the authority
 117.30 for individual district projects under subdivision 1.

117.31 (b) The resolution adopted under paragraph (a) may specify which member districts will
 117.32 share the project costs under this subdivision, except that debt service payments for bonds
 118.1 issued by a cooperative unit or joint powers district to finance long-term maintenance project
 118.2 costs must be the responsibility of all member districts.

118.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2025 and later.

265.19 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.595, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

265.20 Subd. 4. **Facilities plans.** (a) To qualify for revenue under this section, a school district
 265.21 or intermediate district, not including a charter school, must have a ten-year facility plan
 265.22 adopted by the school board and approved by the commissioner. The plan must include
 265.23 provisions for implementing a health and safety program that complies with health, safety,
 265.24 and environmental regulations and best practices, including indoor air quality management
 265.25 and remediation of lead hazards. For planning purposes, the plan must also address provisions
 265.26 for providing a gender-neutral single-user restroom at each school site.

265.27 (b) The district must annually update the plan, submit the plan to the commissioner for
 265.28 approval by July 31, and indicate whether the district will issue bonds to finance the plan
 265.29 or levy for the costs.

265.30 (c) For school districts issuing bonds to finance the plan, the plan must include a debt
 265.31 service schedule demonstrating that the debt service revenue required to pay the principal
 265.32 and interest on the bonds each year will not exceed the projected long-term facilities revenue
 265.33 for that year.

266.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2025 and later.

266.2 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.595, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

266.3 Subd. 7. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue.** (a) For fiscal year
 266.4 2017 only, a district's long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue equals the lesser
 266.5 of (1) \$193 times the adjusted pupil units or (2) the district's revenue under subdivision 1.

266.6 (b) For fiscal year 2018 only, a district's long-term facilities maintenance equalization
 266.7 revenue equals the lesser of (1) \$292 times the adjusted pupil units or (2) the district's
 266.8 revenue under subdivision 1.

266.9 (c) For fiscal year 2019 and later, (a) A district's long-term facilities maintenance
 266.10 equalization revenue equals the lesser of (1) \$380 times the adjusted pupil units or (2) the
 266.11 district's revenue under subdivision 1.

266.12 (d) (b) Notwithstanding paragraphs paragraph (a) to (c), a district's long-term facilities
 266.13 maintenance equalization revenue must not be less than the lesser of the district's long-term
 266.14 facilities maintenance revenue or the amount of aid the district received for fiscal year 2015
 266.15 under Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 123B.59, subdivision 6.

266.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2025 and later.

266.17 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.595, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

266.18 Subd. 8. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalized levy.** (a) For fiscal year 2017
 266.19 and later, A district's long-term facilities maintenance equalized levy equals the district's
 266.20 long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue minus the greater of:

- 266.21 (1) the lesser of the district's long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue or
 266.22 the amount of aid the district received for fiscal year 2015 under Minnesota Statutes 2014,
 266.23 section 123B.59, subdivision 6; or
- 266.24 (2) the district's long-term facilities maintenance equalization revenue times the greater
 266.25 of (i) zero or (ii) one minus the ratio of its adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit
 266.26 in the year preceding the year the levy is certified to 123 percent of the state average adjusted
 266.27 net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit for all school districts in the year preceding the year
 266.28 the levy is certified.
- 266.29 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "adjusted net tax capacity" means the value described
 266.30 in section 126C.01, subdivision 2, paragraph (b).
- 266.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2025 and later.
- 267.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.595, subdivision 8a, is amended to read:
- 267.2 Subd. 8a. **Long-term facilities maintenance unequalized levy.** ~~For fiscal year 2017~~
 267.3 ~~and later,~~ A district's long-term facilities maintenance unequalized levy equals the difference
 267.4 between the district's revenue under subdivision 1 and the district's equalization revenue
 267.5 under subdivision 7.
- 267.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2025 and later.
- 267.7 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.595, subdivision 9, is amended to read:
- 267.8 Subd. 9. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid.** ~~For fiscal year 2017 and~~
 267.9 ~~later,~~ A district's long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid equals its long-term facilities
 267.10 maintenance equalization revenue minus its long-term facilities maintenance equalized levy
 267.11 times the ratio of the actual equalized amount levied to the permitted equalized levy.
- 267.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2025 and later.
- 267.13 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.595, subdivision 10, is amended to read:
- 267.14 Subd. 10. **Allowed uses for long-term facilities maintenance revenue.** (a) A district
 267.15 may use revenue under this section for any of the following:
- 267.16 (1) deferred capital expenditures and maintenance projects necessary to prevent further
 267.17 erosion of facilities;
- 267.18 (2) increasing accessibility of school facilities;
- 267.19 (3) health and safety capital projects under section 123B.57; ~~or~~
- 267.20 (4) remodeling or constructing a gender-neutral single-user restroom at each school site;
 267.21 or

267.22 ~~(4)~~ (5) by board resolution, to transfer money from the general fund reserve for long-term
267.23 facilities maintenance to the debt redemption fund to pay the amounts needed to meet, when
267.24 due, principal and interest on general obligation bonds issued under subdivision 5.

267.25 (b) A charter school may use revenue under this section for any purpose related to the
267.26 school.

267.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2025 and later.

268.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.595, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

268.2 Subd. 11. **Restrictions on long-term facilities maintenance revenue.** Notwithstanding
268.3 subdivision 10, long-term facilities maintenance revenue may not be used:

268.4 (1) for the construction of new facilities, remodeling of existing facilities, or the purchase
268.5 of portable classrooms, except for the costs associated with constructing or remodeling
268.6 existing facilities to include at least one gender-neutral single-user restroom authorized
268.7 under subdivision 10;

268.8 (2) to finance a lease purchase agreement, installment purchase agreement, or other
268.9 deferred payments agreement;

268.10 (3) for energy-efficiency projects under section 123B.65, for a building or property or
268.11 part of a building or property used for postsecondary instruction or administration, or for a
268.12 purpose unrelated to elementary and secondary education; or

268.13 (4) for violence prevention and facility security, ergonomics, or emergency
268.14 communication devices.

268.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2025 and later.

268.16 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.71, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

268.17 Subd. 9. **Information required.** A school board proposing to construct, expand, or
268.18 remodel a facility that requires a review and comment under subdivision 8 shall submit to
268.19 the commissioner a proposal containing information including at least the following:

268.20 (1) the geographic area and population to be served, preschool through grade 12 student
268.21 enrollments for the past five years, and student enrollment projections for the next five
268.22 years;

268.23 (2) a list of existing facilities by year constructed, their uses, and an assessment of the
268.24 extent to which alternate facilities are available within the school district boundaries and in
268.25 adjacent school districts;

268.26 (3) a list of the specific deficiencies of the facility that demonstrate the need for a new
268.27 or renovated facility to be provided, the process used to determine the deficiencies, a list
268.28 of those deficiencies that will and will not be addressed by the proposed project, and a list

- 268.29 of the specific benefits that the new or renovated facility will provide to the students, teachers,
268.30 and community users served by the facility;
- 268.31 (4) a description of the project, including the specification of site and outdoor space
268.32 acreage and square footage allocations for classrooms, laboratories, and support spaces;
269.1 estimated expenditures for the major portions of the project; and the dates the project will
269.2 begin and be completed;
- 269.3 (5) a description of the project's plans for gender-neutral single-user restrooms, locker
269.4 room privacy stalls, or other spaces with privacy features, including single-user shower
269.5 stalls, changing stalls, or other single-user facilities;
- 269.6 ~~(5)~~ (6) a specification of the source of financing the project, including applicable statutory
269.7 citations; the scheduled date for a bond issue or school board action; a schedule of payments,
269.8 including debt service equalization aid; and the effect of a bond issue on local property
269.9 taxes by the property class and valuation; and
- 269.10 ~~(6)~~ (7) documents obligating the school district and contractors to comply with items
269.11 (i) to (vii) in planning and executing the project:
- 269.12 (i) section 471.345 governing municipal contracts;
- 269.13 (ii) sustainable design;
- 269.14 (iii) school facility commissioning under section 123B.72 certifying the plans and designs
269.15 for the heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and air filtration for an extensively renovated
269.16 or new facility meet or exceed current code standards, including the ASHRAE air filtration
269.17 standard 52.1;
- 269.18 (iv) American National Standards Institute Acoustical Performance Criteria, Design
269.19 Requirements and Guidelines for Schools on maximum background noise level and
269.20 reverberation times;
- 269.21 (v) State Fire Code;
- 269.22 (vi) chapter 326B governing building codes; and
- 269.23 (vii) consultation with affected government units about the impact of the project on
269.24 utilities, roads, sewers, sidewalks, retention ponds, school bus and automobile traffic, access
269.25 to mass transit, and safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.
- 269.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for review and comments submitted on
269.27 or after July 1, 2023.
- 269.28 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 126C.10, subdivision 14, is amended to read:
- 269.29 Subd. 14. **Uses of total operating capital revenue.** Total operating capital revenue may
269.30 be used only for the following purposes:
- 269.31 (1) to acquire land for school purposes;

- 270.1 (2) to acquire or construct buildings for school purposes;
- 270.2 (3) to rent or lease buildings, including the costs of building repair or improvement that
270.3 are part of a lease agreement;
- 270.4 (4) to improve and repair school sites and buildings, and equip or reequip school buildings
270.5 with permanent attached fixtures, including library media centers and gender-neutral
270.6 single-user restrooms, locker room privacy stalls, or other spaces with privacy features,
270.7 including single-user shower stalls, changing stalls, or other single-user facilities;
- 270.8 (5) for a surplus school building that is used substantially for a public nonschool purpose;
- 270.9 (6) to eliminate barriers or increase access to school buildings by individuals with a
270.10 disability;
- 270.11 (7) to bring school buildings into compliance with the State Fire Code adopted according
270.12 to chapter 299F;
- 270.13 (8) to remove asbestos from school buildings, encapsulate asbestos, or make
270.14 asbestos-related repairs;
- 270.15 (9) to clean up and dispose of polychlorinated biphenyls found in school buildings;
- 270.16 (10) to clean up, remove, dispose of, and make repairs related to storing heating fuel or
270.17 transportation fuels such as alcohol, gasoline, fuel oil, and special fuel, as defined in section
270.18 296A.01;
- 270.19 (11) for energy audits for school buildings and to modify buildings if the audit indicates
270.20 the cost of the modification can be recovered within ten years;
- 270.21 (12) to improve buildings that are leased according to section 123B.51, subdivision 4;
- 270.22 (13) to pay special assessments levied against school property but not to pay assessments
270.23 for service charges;
- 270.24 (14) to pay principal and interest on state loans for energy conservation according to
270.25 section 216C.37 or loans made under the Douglas J. Johnson Economic Protection Trust
270.26 Fund Act according to sections 298.292 to ~~298.298~~ 298.294;
- 270.27 (15) to purchase or lease interactive telecommunications equipment;
- 270.28 (16) by board resolution, to transfer money into the debt redemption fund to: (i) pay the
270.29 amounts needed to meet, when due, principal and interest payments on certain obligations
270.30 issued according to chapter 475; or (ii) pay principal and interest on debt service loans or
270.31 capital loans according to section 126C.70;
- 271.1 (17) to pay operating capital-related assessments of any entity formed under a cooperative
271.2 agreement between two or more districts;

- 271.3 (18) to purchase or lease computers and related hardware, software, and annual licensing
- 271.4 fees, copying machines, telecommunications equipment, and other noninstructional
- 271.5 equipment;
- 271.6 (19) to purchase or lease assistive technology or equipment for instructional programs;
- 271.7 (20) to purchase textbooks as defined in section 123B.41, subdivision 2;
- 271.8 (21) to purchase new and replacement library media resources or technology;
- 271.9 (22) to lease or purchase vehicles;
- 271.10 (23) to purchase or lease telecommunications equipment, computers, and related
- 271.11 equipment for integrated information management systems for:
- 271.12 (i) managing and reporting learner outcome information for all students under a
- 271.13 results-oriented graduation rule;
- 271.14 (ii) managing student assessment, services, and achievement information required for
- 271.15 students with individualized education programs; and
- 271.16 (iii) other classroom information management needs;
- 271.17 (24) to pay personnel costs directly related to the acquisition, operation, and maintenance
- 271.18 of telecommunications systems, computers, related equipment, and network and applications
- 271.19 software; and
- 271.20 (25) to pay the costs directly associated with closing a school facility, including moving
- 271.21 and storage costs.

271.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2024 and later.

271.23 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 126C.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

271.24 Subdivision 1. **To lease building or land.** (a) When an independent or a special school

271.25 district or a group of independent or special school districts finds it economically

271.26 advantageous to rent or lease a building or land for any instructional purposes or for school

271.27 storage or furniture repair, and it determines that the operating capital revenue authorized

271.28 under section 126C.10, subdivision 13, is insufficient for this purpose, it may apply to the

271.29 commissioner for permission to make an additional capital expenditure levy for this purpose.

271.30 An application for permission to levy under this subdivision must contain financial

272.1 justification for the proposed levy, the terms and conditions of the proposed lease, and a

272.2 description of the space to be leased and its proposed use.

272.3 (b) The criteria for approval of applications to levy under this subdivision must include:

272.4 the reasonableness of the price, the appropriateness of the space to the proposed activity,

272.5 the feasibility of transporting pupils to the leased building or land, conformity of the lease

272.6 to the laws and rules of the state of Minnesota, and the appropriateness of the proposed

272.7 lease to the space needs and the financial condition of the district. The commissioner must

118.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 126C.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

118.5 Subdivision 1. **To lease building or land.** (a) When an independent or a special school

118.6 district or a group of independent or special school districts finds it economically

118.7 advantageous to rent or lease a building or land for any instructional purposes or for school

118.8 storage or furniture repair, and it determines that the operating capital revenue authorized

118.9 under section 126C.10, subdivision 13, is insufficient for this purpose, it may apply to the

118.10 commissioner for permission to make an additional capital expenditure levy for this purpose.

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118.12 justification for the proposed levy, the terms and conditions of the proposed lease, and a

118.13 description of the space to be leased and its proposed use.

118.14 (b) The criteria for approval of applications to levy under this subdivision must include:

118.15 the reasonableness of the price, the appropriateness of the space to the proposed activity,

118.16 the feasibility of transporting pupils to the leased building or land, conformity of the lease

118.17 to the laws and rules of the state of Minnesota, and the appropriateness of the proposed

118.18 lease to the space needs and the financial condition of the district. The commissioner must

272.8 not authorize a levy under this subdivision in an amount greater than the cost to the district
 272.9 of renting or leasing a building or land for approved purposes. The proceeds of this levy
 272.10 must not be used for custodial or other maintenance services. A district may not levy under
 272.11 this subdivision for the purpose of leasing or renting a district-owned building or site to
 272.12 itself.

272.13 (c) For agreements finalized after July 1, 1997, a district may not levy under this
 272.14 subdivision for the purpose of leasing: (1) a newly constructed building used primarily for
 272.15 regular kindergarten, elementary, or secondary instruction; or (2) a newly constructed
 272.16 building addition or additions used primarily for regular kindergarten, elementary, or
 272.17 secondary instruction that contains more than 20 percent of the square footage of the
 272.18 previously existing building.

272.19 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), a district may levy under this subdivision for the
 272.20 purpose of leasing or renting a district-owned building or site to itself only if the amount is
 272.21 needed by the district to make payments required by a lease purchase agreement, installment
 272.22 purchase agreement, or other deferred payments agreement authorized by law, and the levy
 272.23 meets the requirements of paragraph (c). A levy authorized for a district by the commissioner
 272.24 under this paragraph may be in the amount needed by the district to make payments required
 272.25 by a lease purchase agreement, installment purchase agreement, or other deferred payments
 272.26 agreement authorized by law, provided that any agreement include a provision giving the
 272.27 school districts the right to terminate the agreement annually without penalty.

272.28 (e) The total levy under this subdivision for a district for any year must not exceed \$212
 272.29 times the adjusted pupil units for the fiscal year to which the levy is attributable.

272.30 (f) For agreements for which a review and comment have been submitted to the
 272.31 Department of Education after April 1, 1998, the term "instructional purpose" as used in
 272.32 this subdivision excludes expenditures on stadiums.

272.33 (g) The commissioner of education may authorize a school district to exceed the limit
 272.34 in paragraph (e) if the school district petitions the commissioner for approval. The
 273.1 commissioner shall grant approval to a school district to exceed the limit in paragraph (e)
 273.2 for not more than five years if the district meets the following criteria:

273.3 (1) the school district has been experiencing pupil enrollment growth in the preceding
 273.4 five years;

273.5 (2) the purpose of the increased levy is in the long-term public interest;

273.6 (3) the purpose of the increased levy promotes colocation of government services; and

273.7 (4) the purpose of the increased levy is in the long-term interest of the district by avoiding
 273.8 over construction of school facilities.

273.9 (h) A school district that is a member of an intermediate school district or other
 273.10 cooperative unit under section 123A.24, subdivision 2, or a joint powers district under
 273.11 section 471.59 may include in its authority under this section the costs associated with leases

118.19 not authorize a levy under this subdivision in an amount greater than the cost to the district
 118.20 of renting or leasing a building or land for approved purposes. The proceeds of this levy
 118.21 must not be used for custodial or other maintenance services. A district may not levy under
 118.22 this subdivision for the purpose of leasing or renting a district-owned building or site to
 118.23 itself.

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 118.25 subdivision for the purpose of leasing: (1) a newly constructed building used primarily for
 118.26 regular kindergarten, elementary, or secondary instruction; or (2) a newly constructed
 118.27 building addition or additions used primarily for regular kindergarten, elementary, or
 118.28 secondary instruction that contains more than 20 percent of the square footage of the
 118.29 previously existing building.

118.30 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), a district may levy under this subdivision for the
 118.31 purpose of leasing or renting a district-owned building or site to itself only if the amount is
 118.32 needed by the district to make payments required by a lease purchase agreement, installment
 118.33 purchase agreement, or other deferred payments agreement authorized by law, and the levy
 118.34 meets the requirements of paragraph (c). A levy authorized for a district by the commissioner
 119.1 under this paragraph may be in the amount needed by the district to make payments required
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 119.12 commissioner shall grant approval to a school district to exceed the limit in paragraph (e)
 119.13 for not more than five years if the district meets the following criteria:

119.14 (1) the school district has been experiencing pupil enrollment growth in the preceding
 119.15 five years;

119.16 (2) the purpose of the increased levy is in the long-term public interest;

119.17 (3) the purpose of the increased levy promotes colocation of government services; and

119.18 (4) the purpose of the increased levy is in the long-term interest of the district by avoiding
 119.19 over construction of school facilities.

119.20 (h) A school district that is a member of an intermediate school district or other
 119.21 cooperative unit under section 123A.24, subdivision 2, or a joint powers district under
 119.22 section 471.59 may include in its authority under this section the costs associated with leases

273.12 of administrative and classroom space for ~~intermediate school district~~ programs of the
 273.13 intermediate school district or other cooperative unit under section 123A.24, subdivision
 273.14 2, or joint powers district under section 471.59. This authority must not exceed \$65 times
 273.15 the adjusted pupil units of the member districts. This authority is in addition to any other
 273.16 authority authorized under this section. The intermediate school district, other cooperative
 273.17 unit, or joint powers district may specify which member districts will levy for lease costs
 273.18 under this paragraph.

273.19 (i) In addition to the allowable capital levies in paragraph (a), for taxes payable in 2012
 273.20 to 2023, a district that is a member of the "Technology and Information Education Systems"
 273.21 data processing joint board, that finds it economically advantageous to enter into a lease
 273.22 agreement to finance improvements to a building and land for a group of school districts
 273.23 or special school districts for staff development purposes, may levy for its portion of lease
 273.24 costs attributed to the district within the total levy limit in paragraph (e). The total levy
 273.25 authority under this paragraph shall not exceed \$632,000.

273.26 (j) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a district may levy under this subdivision for the
 273.27 purpose of leasing administrative space if the district can demonstrate to the satisfaction of
 273.28 the commissioner that the lease cost for the administrative space is no greater than the lease
 273.29 cost for instructional space that the district would otherwise lease. The commissioner must
 273.30 deny this levy authority unless the district passes a resolution stating its intent to lease
 273.31 instructional space under this section if the commissioner does not grant authority under
 273.32 this paragraph. The resolution must also certify that the lease cost for administrative space
 273.33 under this paragraph is no greater than the lease cost for the district's proposed instructional
 273.34 lease.

274.1 (k) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a district may levy under this subdivision for the
 274.2 district's proportionate share of deferred maintenance expenditures for a district-owned
 274.3 building or site leased to a cooperative unit under section 123A.24, subdivision 2, or a joint
 274.4 powers district under section 471.59 for any instructional purposes or for school storage.

274.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2024 and later.

274.6 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 126C.40, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

274.7 Subd. 6. **Lease purchase; installment buys.** (a) Upon application to, and approval by,
 274.8 the commissioner in accordance with the procedures and limits in subdivision 1, paragraphs
 274.9 (a) and (b), a district, as defined in this subdivision, may:

274.10 (1) purchase real or personal property under an installment contract or may lease real
 274.11 or personal property with an option to purchase under a lease purchase agreement, by which
 274.12 installment contract or lease purchase agreement title is kept by the seller or vendor or
 274.13 assigned to a third party as security for the purchase price, including interest, if any; and

274.14 (2) annually levy the amounts necessary to pay the district's obligations under the
 274.15 installment contract or lease purchase agreement.

119.23 of administrative and classroom space for ~~intermediate school district~~ programs of the
 119.24 intermediate school district or other cooperative unit under section 123A.24, subdivision
 119.25 2, or joint powers district under section 471.59. This authority must not exceed \$65 times
 119.26 the adjusted pupil units of the member districts. This authority is in addition to any other
 119.27 authority authorized under this section. The intermediate school district, other cooperative
 119.28 unit, or joint powers district may specify which member districts will levy for lease costs
 119.29 under this paragraph.

119.30 ~~(i) In addition to the allowable capital levies in paragraph (a), for taxes payable in 2012~~
 119.31 ~~to 2023, a district that is a member of the "Technology and Information Education Systems"~~
 119.32 ~~data processing joint board, that finds it economically advantageous to enter into a lease~~
 119.33 ~~agreement to finance improvements to a building and land for a group of school districts~~
 120.1 ~~or special school districts for staff development purposes, may levy for its portion of lease~~
 120.2 ~~costs attributed to the district within the total levy limit in paragraph (e). The total levy~~
 120.3 ~~authority under this paragraph shall not exceed \$632,000.~~

120.4 ~~(j)~~ (i) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a district may levy under this subdivision for the
 120.5 purpose of leasing administrative space if the district can demonstrate to the satisfaction of
 120.6 the commissioner that the lease cost for the administrative space is no greater than the lease
 120.7 cost for instructional space that the district would otherwise lease. The commissioner must
 120.8 deny this levy authority unless the district passes a resolution stating its intent to lease
 120.9 instructional space under this section if the commissioner does not grant authority under
 120.10 this paragraph. The resolution must also certify that the lease cost for administrative space
 120.11 under this paragraph is no greater than the lease cost for the district's proposed instructional
 120.12 lease.

120.13 (j) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a district may levy under this subdivision for the
 120.14 district's proportionate share of deferred maintenance expenditures for a district-owned
 120.15 building or site leased to a cooperative unit under section 123A.24, subdivision 2, or a joint
 120.16 powers district under section 471.59 for any instructional purposes or for school storage.

120.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2025 and later.

120.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 126C.40, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

120.19 Subd. 6. **Lease purchase; installment buys.** (a) Upon application to, and approval by,
 120.20 the commissioner in accordance with the procedures and limits in subdivision 1, paragraphs
 120.21 (a) and (b), a district, as defined in this subdivision, may:

120.22 (1) purchase real or personal property under an installment contract or may lease real
 120.23 or personal property with an option to purchase under a lease purchase agreement, by which
 120.24 installment contract or lease purchase agreement title is kept by the seller or vendor or
 120.25 assigned to a third party as security for the purchase price, including interest, if any; and

120.26 (2) annually levy the amounts necessary to pay the district's obligations under the
 120.27 installment contract or lease purchase agreement.

274.16 (b) The obligation created by the installment contract or the lease purchase agreement
 274.17 must not be included in the calculation of net debt for purposes of section 475.53, and does
 274.18 not constitute debt under other law. An election is not required in connection with the
 274.19 execution of the installment contract or the lease purchase agreement.

274.20 (c) The proceeds of the levy authorized by this subdivision must not be used to acquire
 274.21 a facility to be primarily used for athletic or school administration purposes.

274.22 (d) For the purposes of this subdivision, "district" means:

274.23 (1) Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis, Independent School District No. 625,
 274.24 St. Paul, Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, or Independent School District No.
 274.25 535, Rochester, if the district's desegregation plan has been determined by the commissioner
 274.26 to be in compliance with Department of Education rules relating to equality of educational
 274.27 opportunity and where the acquisition of property under this subdivision is determined by
 274.28 the commissioner to contribute to the implementation of the desegregation plan; or

274.29 (2) other districts eligible for revenue under section 124D.862 if the facility acquired
 274.30 under this subdivision is to be primarily used for a joint program for interdistrict
 274.31 desegregation and the commissioner determines that the joint programs are being undertaken
 274.32 to implement the districts' desegregation plan.

275.1 (e) Notwithstanding subdivision 1, the prohibition against a levy by a district to lease
 275.2 or rent a district-owned building to itself does not apply to levies otherwise authorized by
 275.3 this subdivision.

275.4 (f) For the purposes of this subdivision, any references in subdivision 1 to building or
 275.5 land shall include personal property.

275.6 (g) Projects funded under this subdivision are subject to review and comment under
 275.7 section 123B.71, subdivision 8, in the same manner as other school construction projects.

275.8 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 126C.44, is amended to read:

275.9 **126C.44 SAFE SCHOOLS LEVY REVENUE.**

275.10 Subdivision 1. Safe schools revenue for school districts. (a) Each district may make
 275.11 a levy on all taxable property located within the district for the purposes specified in this
 275.12 section. The maximum amount which may be levied for all costs under this section shall
 275.13 be equal to \$36 multiplied by the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year. A school
 275.14 district's safe schools revenue equals its safe schools levy.

275.15 Subd. 2. School district safe schools levy. A school district's safe schools levy equals
 275.16 \$36 times the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

275.17 Subd. 3. Safe schools revenue for intermediate school districts. A school district that
 275.18 is a member of an intermediate school district may include in its levy authority under this
 275.19 section the costs associated with safe schools activities authorized under this section for

120.28 (b) The obligation created by the installment contract or the lease purchase agreement
 120.29 must not be included in the calculation of net debt for purposes of section 475.53, and does
 120.30 not constitute debt under other law. An election is not required in connection with the
 120.31 execution of the installment contract or the lease purchase agreement.

120.32 (c) The proceeds of the levy authorized by this subdivision must not be used to acquire
 120.33 a facility to be primarily used for athletic or school administration purposes.

121.1 (d) For the purposes of this subdivision, "district" means:

121.2 (1) Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis, Independent School District No. 625,
 121.3 St. Paul, Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, or Independent School District No.
 121.4 535, Rochester, if the district's desegregation plan has been determined by the commissioner
 121.5 to be in compliance with Department of Education rules relating to equality of educational
 121.6 opportunity and where the acquisition of property under this subdivision is determined by
 121.7 the commissioner to contribute to the implementation of the desegregation plan; or

121.8 (2) other districts eligible for revenue under section 124D.862 if the facility acquired
 121.9 under this subdivision is to be primarily used for a joint program for interdistrict
 121.10 desegregation and the commissioner determines that the joint programs are being undertaken
 121.11 to implement the districts' desegregation plan.

121.12 (e) Notwithstanding subdivision 1, the prohibition against a levy by a district to lease
 121.13 or rent a district-owned building to itself does not apply to levies otherwise authorized by
 121.14 this subdivision.

121.15 (f) For the purposes of this subdivision, any references in subdivision 1 to building or
 121.16 land shall include personal property.

121.17 (g) This subdivision is subject to review and comment under section 123B.71, subdivision
 121.18 8.

- 275.20 intermediate school district programs. This authority must not exceed the product of \$15
275.21 and the adjusted pupil units of the member districts. This authority is in addition to any
275.22 other authority authorized under this section. Revenue raised under this subdivision must
275.23 be transferred to the intermediate school district.
- 275.24 Subd. 4. Use of safe schools revenue. The proceeds of the levy Safe schools revenue
275.25 must be reserved and used for directly funding the following purposes or for reimbursing
275.26 the cities and counties who contract with the district for the following purposes:
- 275.27 (1) to pay the costs incurred for the salaries, benefits, and transportation costs of peace
275.28 officers and sheriffs for liaison in services in the district's schools;
- 275.29 (2) to pay the costs for a drug abuse prevention program as defined in section 609.101,
275.30 subdivision 3, paragraph (e), in the elementary schools;
- 275.31 (3) to pay the costs for a gang resistance education training curriculum in the district's
275.32 schools;
- 276.1 (4) to pay the costs for security in the district's schools and on school property;
- 276.2 (5) to pay the costs for other crime prevention, drug abuse, student and staff safety,
276.3 voluntary opt-in suicide prevention tools, and violence prevention measures taken by the
276.4 school district;
- 276.5 (6) to pay costs for licensed school counselors, licensed school nurses, licensed school
276.6 social workers, licensed school psychologists, and licensed alcohol and substance use
276.7 disorder counselors to help provide early responses to problems;
- 276.8 (7) to pay for facility security enhancements including laminated glass, public
276.9 announcement systems, emergency communications devices, and equipment and facility
276.10 modifications related to violence prevention and facility security;
- 276.11 (8) to pay for costs associated with improving the school climate; ~~or~~
- 276.12 (9) to pay costs for colocating and collaborating with mental health professionals who
276.13 are not district employees or contractors; or
- 276.14 (10) to pay for the costs of cybersecurity measures, including updating computer hardware
276.15 and software, other systems upgrades, and cybersecurity insurance costs.
- 276.16 (b) For expenditures under paragraph (a), clause (1), the district must initially attempt
276.17 to contract for services to be provided by peace officers or sheriffs with the police department
276.18 of each city or the sheriff's department of the county within the district containing the school
276.19 receiving the services. If a local police department or a county sheriff's department does
276.20 not wish to provide the necessary services, the district may contract for these services with
276.21 any other police or sheriff's department located entirely or partially within the school district's
276.22 boundaries.

276.23 (c) A school district that is a member of an intermediate school district may include in
 276.24 its authority under this section the costs associated with safe schools activities authorized
 276.25 under paragraph (a) for intermediate school district programs. This authority must not exceed
 276.26 \$15 times the adjusted pupil units of the member districts. This authority is in addition to
 276.27 any other authority authorized under this section. Revenue raised under this paragraph must
 276.28 be transferred to the intermediate school district.

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

277.1 **Sec. 16. LEASE LEVY FOR TRANSPORTATION HUB FOR EASTERN CARVER**
 277.2 **COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

277.3 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.40, subdivision 1, Independent School
 277.4 District No. 112, Eastern Carver County Schools, may lease a transportation hub under
 277.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.40, subdivision 1, if the district demonstrates to the
 277.6 satisfaction of the commissioner of education that the transportation hub will result in
 277.7 significant financial savings for the school district. Levy authority under this section must
 277.8 not exceed the total levy authority under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.40, subdivision
 277.9 1, paragraph (e).

277.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2024 and later.

277.11 **Sec. 17. LONG-TERM FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REVENUE ADJUSTMENT.**

277.12 Subdivision 1. Eligibility. A school board that purchases a nonschool facility and converts
 277.13 that facility to a school building may document to the commissioner of education, in the
 277.14 form and manner specified by the commissioner, that the purchase and subsequent remodeling
 277.15 of the facility is less expensive than constructing a new facility for the same space and is
 277.16 eligible for an adjustment to its long-term facilities maintenance revenue according to
 277.17 subdivision 2.

277.18 Subd. 2. Inclusion in plan and revenue. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 277.19 123B.595, or any other law to the contrary, an eligible school district under subdivision 1
 277.20 may include in its long-term facilities maintenance ten-year plan any heating, ventilation,
 277.21 and air conditioning projects necessary to improve air handling performance sufficient to
 277.22 satisfy the requirements for a certificate of occupancy for the space for its intended use as
 277.23 a school facility. The Department of Education must adjust an eligible school district's
 277.24 long-term facilities maintenance revenue to include these costs.

277.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 277.26 applies to a nonschool facility purchased on or after January 1, 2019.

121.19 **Sec. 4. LEASE LEVY FOR TRANSPORTATION HUB FOR EASTERN CARVER**
 121.20 **COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

121.21 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.40, subdivision 1, Independent School
 121.22 District No. 112, Eastern Carver County Schools, may lease a transportation hub under
 121.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.40, subdivision 1, if the district demonstrates to the
 121.24 satisfaction of the commissioner of education that the transportation hub will result in
 121.25 significant financial savings for the school district. Levy authority under this section must
 121.26 be included within the total levy authority under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.40,
 121.27 subdivision 1, paragraph (e).

121.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2024 and later.

122.16 **Sec. 6. LONG-TERM FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REVENUE ADJUSTMENT.**

122.17 Subdivision 1. Eligibility. A school board that purchases a nonschool facility and converts
 122.18 that facility to a school building may document to the commissioner of education, in the
 122.19 form and manner specified by the commissioner, that the purchase and subsequent remodeling
 122.20 of the facility is less expensive than constructing a new facility for the same space and is
 122.21 eligible for an adjustment to its long-term facilities maintenance revenue according to
 122.22 subdivision 2.

122.23 Subd. 2. Inclusion in plan and revenue. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 122.24 123B.595, or any other law to the contrary, an eligible school district under subdivision 1
 122.25 may include in its long-term facilities maintenance ten-year plan any heating, ventilation,
 122.26 and air conditioning projects necessary to improve air handling performance sufficient to
 122.27 satisfy the requirements for a certificate of occupancy for the space for its intended use as
 122.28 a school facility. The Department of Education must adjust an eligible school district's
 122.29 long-term facilities maintenance revenue to include these costs.

122.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 122.31 applies to a nonschool facility purchased between January 1, 2019, and June 30, 2023.

123.1 **Sec. 7. FUND TRANSFER; MOORHEAD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

123.2 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.595, subdivisions 10 and 11, 123B.79,
 123.3 or 123B.80, on June 30, 2023, Independent School District No. 152, Moorhead Area Public
 123.4 Schools, may permanently transfer up to \$5,000,000 from the long term facilities maintenance
 123.5 reserve account in the general fund to the operating capital account in the general fund.

277.27 Sec. 18. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

277.28 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
277.29 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
277.30 designated.

277.31 Subd. 2. **Building and cybersecurity grant program.** (a) To provide grants to school
277.32 districts and charter schools to improve building security and cybersecurity:

278.1 \$ 35,000,000 2024

278.2 \$ 0 2025

278.3 (b) A cooperative unit, school district, or charter school may apply for a grant in the
278.4 form and manner specified by the commissioner.

278.5 (c) Funds may be used for security-related facility improvements, cybersecurity insurance
278.6 premiums, and associated costs.

278.7 (d) Up to \$100,000 is available for grant administration and monitoring.

278.8 (e) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

278.9 Subd. 3. **Debt service equalization aid.** (a) For debt service equalization aid under
278.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.53, subdivision 6:

278.11 \$ 24,511,000 2024

278.12 \$ 21,351,000 2025

278.13 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$2,424,000 for 2023 and \$22,087,000 for 2024.

278.14 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$2,454,000 for 2024 and \$18,897,000 for 2025.

278.15 Subd. 4. **Equity in telecommunications access.** (a) For equity in telecommunications
278.16 access:

278.17 \$ 3,750,000 2024

278.18 \$ 3,750,000 2025

123.6 Transferred funds must be used to pay for increased costs of constructing, furnishing, and
123.7 equipping the new Moorhead High School facility.

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

123.9 Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

123.10 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
123.11 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
123.12 designated.

123.13 Subd. 2. **Debt service equalization aid.** (a) For debt service equalization aid under
123.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.53, subdivision 6:

123.15 \$ 24,511,000 2024

123.16 \$ 21,351,000 2025

123.17 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$2,424,000 for 2023 and \$22,087,000 for 2024.

123.18 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$2,454,000 for 2024 and \$18,897,000 for 2025.

123.19 Subd. 3. **Equity in telecommunications access.** (a) For equity in telecommunications
123.20 access:

123.21 \$ 3,750,000 2024

123.22 \$ 3,750,000 2025

278.19 (b) If the appropriation amount is insufficient, the commissioner shall reduce the
278.20 reimbursement rate in Minnesota Statutes, section 125B.26, subdivisions 4 and 5, and the
278.21 revenue for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 shall be prorated.

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

278.23 Subd. 5. **Grants for gender-neutral single-user restrooms.** (a) For grants to school
278.24 districts for remodeling, constructing, or repurposing space for gender-neutral single-user
278.25 restrooms:

278.26 \$ 1,000,000 2024

278.27 \$ 1,000,000 2025

278.28 (b) A school district or a cooperative unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 123A.24,
278.29 subdivision 2, may apply for a grant of not more than \$75,000 per site under this subdivision
278.30 in the form and manner specified by the commissioner. The commissioner must award at
279.1 least one grant under this subdivision to Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, for
279.2 a demonstration grant for a project awaiting construction.

279.3 (c) The commissioner must ensure that grants are awarded to schools to reflect the
279.4 geographic diversity of the state.

279.5 (d) Up to \$75,000 each year is available for grant administration and monitoring.

279.6 (e) By February 1 of each year, the commissioner must annually report to the committees
279.7 of the legislature with jurisdiction over education on the number of grants that were awarded
279.8 each year and the number of grant applications that were unfunded during that year.

123.23 (b) If the appropriation amount is insufficient, the commissioner shall reduce the
123.24 reimbursement rate in Minnesota Statutes, section 125B.26, subdivisions 4 and 5, and the
123.25 revenue for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 shall be prorated.

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

123.27 Subd. 4. **Historic school building preservation grants.** (a) For grants to school districts
123.28 and the Minnesota State Academies for the Deaf and the Blind for historic school building
123.29 preservation:

123.30 \$ 400,000 2024

123.31 \$ 400,000 2025

124.1 (b) To be eligible for a grant under this subdivision, a school district or the Minnesota
124.2 State Academies for the Deaf and the Blind must apply for a historic school building
124.3 preservation grant in the form and manner determined by the commissioner. A grant recipient
124.4 is eligible for up to \$300,000 per eligible building. For purposes of this subdivision, "eligible
124.5 building" means a building that is:

124.6 (1) currently serving elementary or secondary students; and

279.9 Subd. 6. Long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid. (a) For long-term facilities
279.10 maintenance equalized aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.595, subdivision 9:

279.11 \$ 108,045,000 2024

279.12 \$ 108,245,000 2025

279.13 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$10,821,000 for 2023 and \$97,224,000 for 2024.

279.14 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$10,803,000 for 2024 and \$97,442,000 for 2025.

124.7 (2) listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

124.8 A grant recipient must use funds received under this subdivision to properly maintain and

124.9 prevent deterioration of the eligible building.

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

124.11 (d) The base for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$1,500,000.

124.12 Subd. 5. Long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid. (a) For long-term facilities

124.13 maintenance equalized aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.595, subdivision 9:

124.14 \$ 108,045,000 2024

124.15 \$ 107,894,000 2025

124.16 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$10,821,000 for 2023 and \$97,224,000 for 2024.

124.17 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$10,802,000 for 2024 and \$97,092,000 for 2025.