

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

**S.F. No. 976**

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555 Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Transportation

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; amending an appropriation for school bus stop-signal  
1.3 arm camera systems; amending Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article  
1.4 1, section 4, subdivision 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 4, subdivision 5,  
1.7 is amended to read:

1.8			<u>8,464,000</u>
1.9	Subd. 5. <b>Traffic Safety</b>	8,477,000	<u>12,464,000</u>

1.10 Appropriations by Fund

1.11		2022	2023
1.12			<u>7,970,000</u>
1.13	General	7,983,000	<u>11,970,000</u>
1.14	Trunk Highway	494,000	494,000

1.15 \$7,398,000 in fiscal year 2022 and ~~\$7,398,000~~

1.16 \$11,398,000 in fiscal year 2023 are from the

1.17 general fund for grants to school districts,

1.18 nonpublic schools, charter schools, and

1.19 companies that provide school bus services,

1.20 for the purchase and installation of school bus

1.21 stop-signal arm camera systems. In awarding

1.22 grants, the commissioner must prioritize:

1.23 regular route type A, B, C, and D buses; newer

1.24 buses; and buses that do not already have a

2.1 stop-signal arm or forward-facing camera.

2.2 Cameras purchased with grants awarded

2.3 pursuant to this section must be used within

2.4 the state. When implementing the grant

2.5 program, the commissioner must require grant

2.6 recipients to submit an estimate of the

2.7 recipient's anticipated ongoing costs associated

2.8 with the use of the cameras, including but not

2.9 limited to costs for operating and maintaining

2.10 the cameras, identifying violations, and

2.11 methods for compiling video evidence of

2.12 violations and providing the evidence to law

2.13 enforcement. If the money in the account is

2.14 sufficient to fund all requests, the

2.15 commissioner must not require a local match.

2.16 The commissioner may seek assistance from

2.17 the commissioner of education in

2.18 administering the grants. The base for this

2.19 appropriation from the general fund is

2.20 \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$0 in fiscal

2.21 year 2025. This is a onetime appropriation and

2.22 is available until June 30, 2025.

2.23 \$110,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$94,000 in

2.24 fiscal year 2023 are from the general fund for

2.25 staff costs to administer grants for school bus

2.26 stop-signal arm cameras. This is a onetime

2.27 appropriation and is available until June 30,

2.28 2025.

2.29 ~~The base for the general fund is \$478,000 in~~

2.30 ~~each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025.~~

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