



## **S.F. No. 1198 – Roof repair and replacement in the long-term facilities maintenance program**

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**S.F. No. 1198** proposes to modify the long-term facilities maintenance (LTFM) program to authorize school districts to include roof repair and replacement costs totaling \$100,000 or more per site in the district's annual LTFM revenue authority. For most districts, this specific authority would increase revenues potentially available for roof repair and replacement and free up money currently being spent for that purpose for reallocation toward other deferred maintenance projects.

The bill requires each district to include information about roof repair and replacement in its ten-year LTFM facility plan. LTFM is an equalized levy program, and the bill proposes to modify the equalizing factor to an undetermined level. An increase in the equalizing factor would increase state equalization aid under the program. The proposal is effective beginning for fiscal year 2027 (taxes payable in 2026).

### **Additional background information**

Under current law, eligible uses of LTFM revenue generally include expenditures to address maintenance of existing facilities, accessibility improvements, health and safety projects, and certain restroom remodeling. Districts may issue bonds to pay for projects or fund projects on a pay-as-you go basis from annual revenues. Roof repair and replacement is currently an allowable use for LTFM revenue. LTFM revenue may generally not be used for new construction or remodeling, certain energy efficiency projects, facilities unrelated to elementary or secondary education, or to pay the costs of certain violence prevention, ergonomics, or emergency communication devices.

Under current law, 28 of the largest school districts have unlimited board-approved authority to generate LTFM revenue to cover eligible costs. The annual LTFM revenue authority for the remaining school districts is capped under a statutory formula—\$380 per pupil and adjusted for the district's average building age.

