



S.F. No. 523 – Historic School Building Preservation Grants

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Section 1. Appropriations; Historic School Building Preservation Grants. Appropriates money from the General Fund to the Department of Education to provide historic school building preservation grants. Allows school districts and the Minnesota State Academies for the Deaf and the Blind to apply for a grant of up to \$300,000 per eligible building to properly maintain and prevent deterioration of the eligible building. Defines “eligible building” as a building that currently serves elementary and secondary students and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Additional Background:

The National Register of Historic Places is an official list of properties that possess significance in American history, culture, and architecture. Approved properties meet specific eligibility criteria, including that the property be at least 50 years old. Currently, at least three school districts and the Minnesota State Academies for the Deaf and the Blind may have buildings eligible for the historic school building preservation grant.

