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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; increasing the safe schools levy by \$5 per pupil
1.3 unit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.44.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.44, is amended to read:

1.6 **126C.44 SAFE SCHOOLS LEVY.**

1.7 Each district may make a levy on all taxable property located within the district for
1.8 the purposes specified in this section. The maximum amount which may be levied for
1.9 all costs under this section shall be equal to ~~\$27~~ \$32 multiplied by the district's adjusted
1.10 marginal cost pupil units for the school year. The proceeds of the levy must be reserved
1.11 and used for directly funding the following purposes or for reimbursing the cities and
1.12 counties who contract with the district for the following purposes: (1) to pay the costs
1.13 incurred for the salaries, benefits, and transportation costs of peace officers and sheriffs for
1.14 liaison in services in the district's schools; (2) to pay the costs for a drug abuse prevention
1.15 program as defined in section 609.101, subdivision 3, paragraph (e), in the elementary
1.16 schools; (3) to pay the costs for a gang resistance education training curriculum in the
1.17 district's schools; (4) to pay the costs for security in the district's schools and on school
1.18 property; or (5) to pay the costs for other crime prevention, drug abuse, student and staff
1.19 safety, and violence prevention measures taken by the school district. For expenditures
1.20 under clause (1), the district must initially attempt to contract for services to be provided
1.21 by peace officers or sheriffs with the police department of each city or the sheriff's
1.22 department of the county within the district containing the school receiving the services. If
1.23 a local police department or a county sheriff's department does not wish to provide the

2.1 necessary services, the district may contract for these services with any other police or
2.2 sheriff's department located entirely or partially within the school district's boundaries.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes payable in 2008.