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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 3539

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; establishing a grant program to include firearms safety, trap
1.3 shooting, archery, hunting, and angling in school physical education courses;
1.4 requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. GRANT PROGRAM; FIREARMS SAFETY, ARCHERY, HUNTING,
1.7 AND ANGLING IN SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Program. The commissioner of natural resources must create a grant
1.9 program to increase firearms safety, trap shooting, archery, hunting, and angling activities
1.10 in physical education courses in Minnesota school districts. A school must ensure that
1.11 activities funded under the program are consistent with required state standards for physical
1.12 education.

1.13 Subd. 2. Eligibility. (a) A school district or American Indian-controlled Tribal contract
1.14 or grant school must apply to the commissioner of natural resources to participate in the
1.15 program in the form and manner determined by the commissioner.

1.16 (b) The commissioner must seek geographic balance among schools selected for
1.17 participation.

1.18 Subd. 3. Report. By January 15, 2027, the commissioner must submit a report to the
1.19 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
1.20 kindergarten through grade 12 education and natural resources finance and policy. The
1.21 report must be in writing and must report on activities funded by the grant program and
1.22 program outcomes.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Appropriation.** (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the
2.2 general fund to the commissioner of natural resources to implement the program under this
2.3 section. This is a onetime appropriation.

2.4 (b) Money appropriated for the program may be used for Department of Natural
2.5 Resources personnel costs, curriculum development, reporting costs, school staff training,
2.6 outdoor sports licenses for participating students, and equipment used in courses.