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S.F. No. 3956 – Lead Testing and Remediation Requirements

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Section 1. Lead in School Drinking Water.

Subdivision 1. Model Plan. Adds a requirement to the model plan developed by the commissioners of education and health for testing for the presence of lead in water in school buildings. Requires the model plan to include recommendations for remediation efforts when testing reveals the presence of lead is above five parts per billion.

Subd. 2. School Plans. No proposed changes.

Subd. 3. Frequency of Testing. Modifies the lead level where guidance recommends remediation. Sets the presence of lead level at five parts per billion. Requires a school district or charter school to test for lead after remediation is complete to ensure the lead level is below five parts per billion.

Subd. 4. Ten-year Facilities Plan. Requires a school district to include lead testing and remediation in its ten-year long-term facilities maintenance (LTFM) plan.

Subd. 5. Reporting. Updates the presence of lead level to five parts per billion. Requires a school district or charter school to report to the commissioner of health its lead testing results and remediation efforts if the presence of lead is above five parts per billion. Requires the commissioner of health to annually post test results and remediation efforts by school site to the department's website.

Subd. 6. Commissioner Recommendations. Requires the commissioner of health to report recommended changes to this statute or the level of lead that requires remediation to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and K-12 education by January 1, 2025, and every five years after. States that recommendations must be based on currently available scientific evidence.

Section 2. Long-term Facilities Maintenance Revenue. Removes obsolete language. Modifies the calculation of LTFM revenue for a school district by adding approved costs for lead remediation.

Section 3. Long-term Facilities Maintenance Revenue for a Charter School. Removes obsolete language. Modifies the calculation of LTFM revenue for a charter school by adding approved costs for lead remediation.

Section 4. Long-term Facilities Maintenance Equalization Revenue. Removes obsolete language. Makes technical corrections.

Section 5. Long-term Facilities Maintenance Equalized Levy. Removes obsolete language.

Section 6. Long-term Facilities Maintenance Unequalized Levy. Removes obsolete language.

Section 7. Long-term Facilities Maintenance Equalized Aid. Removes obsolete language.

Section 8. Appropriation. Provides a blank appropriation from the general fund to the Department of Education for transfer to the commissioner of health to provide grants to American Indian Tribal contract schools for lead testing and remediation activities.