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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Authorizes the commissioner of corrections to issue bonds to fund a grant program for counties to build regional adult detention facilities.

#### Section

- 1 **Legislative findings and intent.** Explains why there is a need for regional jails and why they should be funded with Department of Correction bond proceeds.
- 2 **Regional adult detention facility construction.**

**Subd. 1. Authorization of grants.** Authorizes the commissioner of corrections to issue grants to individual counties or groups of counties or tribal governments to fund a portion of the costs of planning and construction of publicly owned and operated regional adult detention facilities. Individual counties may receive up to 25 percent of their costs and groups of counties may receive up to 75 percent of their costs. Individual counties must provide a 75 percent match and groups of counties must provide a 25 percent match. Grants may be used for capital expenditures to acquire land, design, construct, renovate, equip, and furnish the facility. Entities receiving the grants must fund operation of the facilities. The operating entities may contract with the Department of Corrections or other counties to house offenders and receive payment for the service. No more than one grant may be issued in each judicial district.

**Section**

**Subd. 2. Applications.** Describes the grant application requirements.

**Subd. 3. Award of grant.** Describes the requirements for issuing a grant and the limitations placed on expenditure of the grants.

**Subd. 4. Agreement.** Requires counties to agree to fund the nonstate portion of the facility and, among groups of counties, explain how they will allocate the nonstate portion among the participating counties.

**Subd. 5. Regional facility required.** Requires the commissioner to ensure that the proceeds are used for multi-county regional jail facilities and that preference for grants be extended to proposals that serve the greatest need and involve a large number of counties.

**Subd. 6. Bonds for local share.** Authorizes counties to bond for the nonstate match required to receive grants under this section.

**Subd. 7. Appropriation.** Appropriates \$40,000,000 from the bond proceeds.

**Subd. 8. Bond sale.** Authorizes the sale of \$40,000,000 worth of bonds.

**3 Effective date.** Establishes an immediate effective date for sections 1 and 2.