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Overview

Minnesota's health and safety revenue program allows a school district to develop a plan and receive revenue through a partially equalized levy to eliminate health and safety hazards in school facilities. Under current law, health and safety revenue covers the costs of sealing wooden playground equipment, but does not cover the costs associated with replacing wooden playground equipment built with arsenic-treated lumber (Chromated Copper Arsenate or CCA was widely used to treat lumber to prevent rot).

This bill allows school districts to receive health and safety revenue for the purpose of remediating school playground sites contaminated with arsenic and to replace playground equipment that is made from CCA treated lumber.

Section

- 1 **Health and Safety program.** Authorizes a school district to include in its health and safety program a plan to remove, remediate and replace playground equipment made from wood products that were treated with arsenic.
- 2 Contents of program. Includes in a school district's health and safety hazardous substance plan a plan to remove, remediate and replace playground equipment made from wood products that were treated with arsenic.
- 3 Uses of health and safety revenue. Authorizes a school district to use its health and safety revenue to remove, remediate and replace playground equipment made from wood products treated with arsenic.

