Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of corrections to make grants to counties or groups of counties for up to 50 per cent of the construction costs of local adult detention facilities and authorizes the sale and issuance of $70,000,000 of bonds and appropriates proceeds to the commissioner for the construction grants.

1 Local adult detention facility construction grants.

Subdivision 1. Grants authorized. Requires the commissioner of corrections to make grants to counties or groups of counties for up to 50 per cent of the construction costs of local adult detention facilities. Requires that the grants be distributed for facilities throughout the state. Restricts grants to one per judicial district. Allows more than one site per proposal.

Subd. 2. Applications. Specifies the application process for grants.

Subd. 3. Eligibility. Requires that grant applicants include a cooperative plan for adult detention among the applicant counties and identify the location of facilities.

Subd. 4. Use of private entity. Requires applicants to consider entering into agreements with private entities for the construction and operation of the facility.

Subd. 5. Allocation formula. Specifies the formula that the commissioner must use to determine the amount available to each county for grants under this section. Five percent to be allocated as a mileage distribution allowance to counties; the other 95 percent to be allocated to counties in each judicial district according to the formula in section 401.10 (the CCA formula).

Subd. 6. Award of grant. Specifies the commissioner's responsibilities when awarding grants. The commissioner must ensure need and the ability to meet licensing standards.

Subd. 7. Agreement. Specifies the responsibilities of counties receiving grants. Counties must agree to each county's share of financing and agree to operate the facility according to department of corrections' standards and make beds available to all counties in the judicial district.
**Subd. 8. Bonds for local share.** Authorizes counties receiving grants to issue general obligation bonds without an election to finance the nonstate share of the facility's cost and specifies that the indebtedness will not be included in the net debt limit of the county.

**Subd. 9. Reallocation of unused grant money.** Requires that, by December 31, 2000, the commissioner determine whether any money remains of the appropriation. Requires that if there is money available the commissioner shall invite counties to submit applications for capital improvements to acquire or better publicly owned detention facilities.

2 **Appropriation; bond sale.** Appropriates $70,000,000 from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of corrections for grants under section 1 and requires the commissioner of finance, on request of the governor, to sell and issue bonds in an amount of up to $70,000,000.

3 **Effective date.** Makes the bill effective the day following final enactment.