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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a nonpublic school safety infrastructure
2 grant program and making appropriations.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **257.52 Nonpublic school safety**
2 **infrastructure fund — grant program.**

3 1. A nonpublic school safety infrastructure fund is created
4 and established as a separate and distinct fund in the state
5 treasury under the control of the department of education.

6 2. a. In addition to moneys deposited in the nonpublic
7 school safety infrastructure fund pursuant to section 423F.2, the
8 department of education may accept gifts, grants, bequests, and
9 other private contributions, as well as state or federal funds,
10 and shall deposit the moneys in the fund to be used for purposes
11 of this section. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the
12 department of education and shall be used only to provide grants
13 to nonpublic schools, as defined in section 285.16, for school
14 safety and security infrastructure projects. "School safety and
15 security infrastructure" means the same as defined in section
16 423F.3.

17 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund that
18 remain unawarded at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
19 but shall remain in the fund for expenditure in succeeding fiscal
20 years. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest
21 earned on moneys in the nonpublic school safety infrastructure
22 fund shall be credited to the fund.

23 3. The department of education shall adopt rules to establish
24 and administer the grant program to provide for the allocation
25 of moneys in the fund in the form of competitive grants to
26 nonpublic schools for school safety and security infrastructure
27 in accordance with the purposes and objectives of this section.
28 The rules adopted by the department of education shall specify
29 the eligibility of applicants, eligible items for grant funding,
30 the application process, and the maximum award per grant.

31 Sec. 2. Section 423F.2, subsection 3, paragraph b,
32 subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

33 (1) Prior to distribution of moneys in the secure an advanced
34 vision for education fund to school districts, an amount equal
35 to the equity transfer amount for the fiscal year minus the

1 foundation base transfer amount for the fiscal year shall
2 be distributed and credited to the property tax equity and
3 relief fund created in section 257.16A, an amount equal to the
4 foundation base transfer amount shall be distributed and credited
5 to the foundation base supplement fund created in section
6 257.16D, ~~and~~ an amount equal to the career academy transfer
7 amount for the fiscal year shall be distributed and credited
8 to the career academy fund created in section 257.51, and for
9 fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2026, an amount equal
10 to one million dollars shall be distributed and credited to the
11 nonpublic school safety infrastructure fund created in section
12 257.52.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 This bill establishes a nonpublic school safety infrastructure
17 fund to provide grants to accredited nonpublic schools for school
18 safety and security infrastructure projects, as defined in the
19 bill. Beginning with FY 2027, the bill transfers \$1 million
20 annually from the secure an advanced vision for education fund to
21 support the fund and directs the department of education to adopt
22 rules to administer the program in order to provide competitive
23 grants to accredited nonpublic schools for school safety and
24 security infrastructure projects.