

HB 391 -- GRANT MONEY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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This bill establishes the "Sullivan School Renovation Grant" and the "School Renovation Projects Matching Grant" program.

This program provides school districts an opportunity to apply for a matching grant for "eligible projects"; such projects must be related to installation, repair, or renovation of roofing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, or windows or other related school health or environmental improvements.

The bill specifies the application and notification process and authorizes the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to review applications and determine grant recipients.

The Department may assign priority status to districts that demonstrate the need for school renovation projects. The Department must rank applications and establish a priority score as specified in the bill, with facility destruction, district growth, and equalized assessed valuation per pupil contributing factors.

The bill creates the "School Safety Construction Projects Matching Grant Fund" and requires that the program sunset August 28, 2031.

This bill is similar to HB 2093 (2024).