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The bill was referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a grant program to local law enforcement  
1.3 agencies to purchase firearms from the public; appropriating money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. GUN BUYBACK GRANT PROGRAM.

1.6 (a) The commissioner of public safety shall create a gun buyback grant program.  
1.7 Grants shall be awarded to local law enforcement agencies to purchase firearms from the  
1.8 public. The commissioner shall establish the criteria for distributing grants, but must give  
1.9 priority to agencies that service areas with the highest rates of firearms violence in the  
1.10 state. In awarding grants, the commissioner must also give greater weight to applications  
1.11 that incorporate a plan to leverage state funding to secure other sources of funding,  
1.12 including corporate sponsors.

1.13 (b) A grant recipient must employ a sliding reimbursement scale in the agency's  
1.14 buyback program. The scale must pay more for operational firearms than nonoperational  
1.15 firearms and pay more for handguns than other types of firearms.

1.16 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

1.17 \$..... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.18 of public safety to fund the grant program established in section 1.