

Subject Area Learning Centers; Transportation Funding

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Overview

In Minnesota, some programming for students who are not having success in the regular school classroom may be provided through a State Approved Alternative Program (SAAP). SAAPs consist of Area Learning Centers (ALCs), Area Learning Programs (ALPs), and contract alternative programs.

A group of districts may form an ALC; often the ALC holds its classes at a facility away from the regular secondary school. ALCs are funded through the transfer of general education revenue for the students served by the ALC.

While a relatively small portion of general education revenue is for pupil transportation services (transportation sparsity revenue), there is not a categorical funding formula for pupil transportation. Because ALCs are generally formed by a group of school districts, transportation can be a barrier to a student's attendance at an ALC, which is often located outside of a student's school district of residence.

H.F. 994 creates a reimbursement form of funding for school districts whose students attend an ALC for "to and from school" pupil transportation costs.

Summary

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1	Area learning center transportation aid.
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	Creates a new categorical aid to reimburse school districts for the costs of transporting students to and from an ALC program. Requires school districts to submit their costs for the transportation services to the commissioner of education in the form and manner established by the commissioner (this reimbursement is similar to the reimbursement process used for school districts that provide transportation for students who participate in voluntary interdistrict integration efforts).
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2	Appropriation. Appropriates an unspecified amount of money for ALC transportation costs.



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