

**Subject** K12 Education; Funding to Transport Homeless Students

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## Overview

School districts are required to transport homeless and highly mobile students to the schools they previously attended. Funding for these services is included in Minnesota's special education transportation funding formula. Under Minnesota's three-pronged special education funding formula, most school districts receive 100 percent of the cost of this transportation, while other districts, because they are subject to the prong of the formula based on the adjusted 2016 base level of special education funding, don't receive full reimbursement for these transportation services.

This pupil transportation is identified in the school district accounting system (UFARS) as finance code 728, and includes expenditures for the special transportation of pupils who do not have special education transportation identified in their IEP, but require special transportation because they are homeless, attend care and treatment programs, or have a Section 504 Plan where special transportation is included as an accommodation.

H.F. 1628, as amended by the author's delete everything amendment, provides 100 percent reimbursement for all school districts of the costs the districts incur for transporting homeless and highly mobile students, students attending care and treatment programs, and students with a qualifying Section 504 Plan.

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>Special education aid.</b><br>Adjusts the regular special education aid calculation to reflect the creation of a new special education pupil transportation aid for those school districts subject to the adjusted 2016 base level of special education funding. |
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Section	Description
2	<p data-bbox="316 262 1429 294"><b>Special education homeless pupil aid.</b></p> <p data-bbox="316 304 1429 420">Creates a new category of special education aid called special education homeless pupil aid for those districts not eligible for full reimbursement of their transportation costs for homeless and highly mobile students.</p>



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