

Subject Area Learning Centers; Funding Transferred

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Overview

Minnesota authorizes different models of alternative programs for students for whom the regular school structure may not be the best fit. One type of alternative program is called an Area Learning Center (ALC). An ALC provides comprehensive educational services to enrolled secondary students throughout the year. ALC programs may include a school within a school or a program provided at a separate site. A student participating in an ALC program must have certain risk factors, including not being on track for graduation. In addition to regular instructional day programs, ALCs provide extended learning opportunities for students to make up lost credits or to prepare for graduation tests. ALCs generally serve students from more than one district.

Under current law, a resident school district receives general education aid for a student participating in an ALC program and is required by statute to transfer, at the resident school district's choice, between 90 and 100 percent of most components of general education revenue to the ALC (local optional is excluded from the general education revenue transferred to the ALC).

HF 2534 requires the resident school district to transfer 100 percent of the student's general education revenue to the ALC beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Reserve revenue. [Area Learning Centers] Increases the minimum share of the portion of general education revenue transferred from a school district to an Area Learning Center (ALC) from 90 percent to 100 percent of the categories of general education revenue that are transferred to an ALC.

Section	Description
2	Alternative attendance programs. [Transfers to ALCs] Requires 100 percent of the designated portion of general education revenue to be transferred from the resident school district to the ALC.



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