

Subject Safe School Revenue

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Overview

The current safe schools revenue program allows school districts to levy for costs associated with student and staff safety issues. Eligible school expenses include: law enforcement liaison services (School Resource Officers); drug abuse (DARE) and gang resistance prevention programs; school security and cyber security measures; other crime prevention and student and staff safety measures; and counseling, social work, and chemical dependency services provided by licensed professionals.

Under current law, safe schools revenue is provided entirely through the local levy limited to not more than \$36 per pupil for school districts. School districts that are members of an intermediate school district may levy an additional \$15 per pupil for safe schools activities at the intermediate school district. The current safe schools revenue formula does not provide any revenue to charter schools, cooperative units other than intermediate school districts, Tribal contract schools, or nonpublic schools.

H.F. 3493 adds state aid to the safe schools revenue program, providing safe schools aid of \$36 per pupil to charter schools, cooperative units other than intermediate school districts, Tribal contract schools, and nonpublic schools.

Summary

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| 1 | Safe schools revenue.
Expands safe schools revenue to schools not currently receiving the proceeds of the safe schools levy, including charter schools, cooperative units other than intermediate school districts, Tribal contract schools, and nonpublic schools. Sets the state aid amount at \$36 per pupil unit. Keeps the safe schools levy in place for school districts and intermediate school districts. Expands the eligible purposes of funding |
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Section	Description
	from the safe schools revenue program to include school-linked mental health services provided through telehealth.
2	Appropriation. Appropriates an unspecified amount of aid in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the Department of Education for safe schools aid.



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