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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill appropriates $30 million to school districts and charter schools for emergency heating and transportation fuel costs.

Section

1   **Emergency energy assistance.**

      Subd. 1. Commissioner. Requires the commissioner to certify, by January 31, 2001, the heating fuel costs for school facilities and the fuel costs for transporting students for each school district for the 1999-2000 school year.

      Subd. 2. School district. Requires each school district to submit to the commissioner by February 28, 2001, its anticipated heating fuel costs and transportation fuel costs for the 2000-2001 school year.

      Subd. 3. Energy cost. Requires the commissioner to calculate the difference between the 2000-2001 anticipated fuel costs and the certified 1999-2000 fuel costs.

      Subd. 4. Reimbursement. Requires the commissioner to reimburse school districts for 97 percent of the difference in fuel costs between the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 school years. Limits the statewide total reimbursement to $30 million. Requires the commissioner to proportionately reduce the reimbursements if the appropriation is insufficient.

      Subd. 5. Charter school. Defines a charter school as a school district for the purposes of this section.

      Effective date. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.

2   **Appropriation.** Appropriates $30 million in fiscal year 2001 from the general fund to the commissioner of CFL for emergency energy assistance. Makes the appropriation available until June 30, 2002. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.