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Overview

Minnesota established a permanent source of funding for on-line learning beginning in fiscal year 2004. To limit the fiscal implications of the program, only those students who were already enrolled in a public school receive general education funding for their participation in on-line learning programs. For on-line students new to the public school system, or those participating from a nonpublic school, a separate funding stream was established. A capped appropriation of \$1,250,000 per year is the appropriations base for this program.

This bill qualifies all on-line students for general education aid and eliminates the need for a separate appropriation for on-line students who were not previously enrolled in Minnesota's public school system.

Section

- 1 Financial arrangements.** Eliminates the requirement that a student be enrolled in a Minnesota public school in the year prior to enrolling in an on-line learning program in order to qualify for general education aid. Combines the two categories of students into a single group who are all eligible for general education revenue.
- 2 Repealer.** Repeals Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.095, subdivision 9, effective for revenue for fiscal year 2006. This section is the special funding provision that applies to the on-line learning students who are not funded through the regular general education funding formula.