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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill increases funding for the Adults with Disabilities program.

School districts may offer programs for adults with disabilities as part of their Community Education programs. These programs may include outreach activities to identify adults needing service, classes specifically for adults with disabilities, services enabling the adults to participate in community education, and activities to increase public awareness and enhance the role of people with disabilities in the community. To be eligible for adults with disabilities program revenue, the program description and budget must be approved by the Department of Education.

State aid is provided to districts with approval for educational programs for adults with disabilities. State aid is equal to the lesser of \$30,000 or one-half of the actual program expenditures. The remainder of a district's program revenue is composed of funds from other public or private sources, or an optional levy not to exceed \$30,000 or one-half of the approved program budget.

Section

1 **Community education program revenue; adults with disabilities.** Amends § 124D.56.

Subd. 1. Revenue amount. Increases the maximum revenue amount for the adults with disabilities program from \$60,000 to \$75,000.

Section

Subd. 3. Levy. Increases the levy share for the current participating districts to \$45,000, so a district's total maximum revenue is \$75,000 (\$30,000 aid and \$45,000 levy).

Makes this section effective for revenue for fiscal year 2008.

2 Appropriation.

Subd. 1. Department of Education. Specifies that the sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years designated.

Subd. 2. Adults with disabilities program. Appropriates \$881,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$900,000 in fiscal year 2009. The 2007 appropriation was \$710,000. Specifies that the 2008 appropriation includes \$71,000 for fiscal year 2007 and \$810,000 for fiscal year 2008 and the 2009 appropriation includes \$90,000 for fiscal year 2008 and \$810,000 for fiscal year 2009.