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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

“Recovery school program” is the name sometimes used to describe a sober school or other drug or alcohol dependency program operated by a school district, charter school, or Area Learning Center (ALC).

This bill creates a two-part funding formula to provide additional money to a recovery program offered by a school district, charter school, or area learning center. The first part of the formula reimburses the program for 20 percent of the salary costs for qualifying support staff. The second part of the formula increases the maximum average daily membership for a student in a recovery program from 1.2 to 1.7.

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- 1 Commissioner designation.** Requires a state-approved recovery program to be a site.
- 2 Approved recovery program funding.** Creates a categorical aid formula equal to 20 percent of the support staff salaries for support staff working at an approved recovery program. Defines qualifying support staff as alcohol and drug dependency counselors, school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, and school social workers.
- 3 Approved recovery program.** Defines an “approved recovery program” as a course of instruction offered by a school district, charter school, or ALC offered to students recovering from substance abuse or dependency. Requires a recovery program to be approved by the commissioner of education.
- 4 Average daily membership.** Allows a student who is attending an approved recovery

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program to be counted for up to an additional .5 pupils in average daily membership.

- 5**      **General education revenue.** Adds recovery program revenue to the definition of general education revenue.
- 6**      **Recovery program revenue.** Designs recovery program revenue in a manner similar to extended time revenue. Sets the revenue amount equal to the formula allowance for that year times the additional hours of instruction spent in a recovery program.
- 7**      **Appropriations.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of aid for recovery programs.