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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill modifies a number of school finance formulas, including doubling the aid for developmental screening, authorizing additional pupil transportation services under certain circumstances, providing funding for certain students between the ages of 21 and 23 who are participating in the graduation incentives program, and reauthorizing the authority for the Minneapolis and St. Paul school districts to issue \$15 million per year in general obligation bonds for facility needs.

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- 1 Developmental screening aid.** Doubles the amount of developmental screening aid for each child screened by raising the aid for three-year old children from \$75 to \$150, raising the aid for four-year old children from \$50 to \$100, raising the aid for five-year old children from \$40 to \$80 and raising the aid for all other qualifying children who are screened from \$30 to \$60.
- 2 Postsecondary enrollment options (PSEO) pupils; transportation.** Authorizes a school district to transport a pupil who is participating in an articulated PSEO program operated under an agreement between the school district and postsecondary institution.
- 3 Definitions; pupil transportation.** Authorizes a school district to provide transportation to and from the same school for homeless siblings even if one or more of the siblings does not have a school of record (a school district is currently allowed to transport homeless children to their school of record, but sometimes a family with more than one child may have a child

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who has not been assigned a school of record—this provision allows that student to ride the same bus as their sibling).

- 4 Eligible pupils; graduation incentives program.** Allows students between the ages of 21 and 22 (beginning in FY 2014) and between the ages of 21 and 23 (beginning in FY 2016) to participate in the high school graduation incentive program past the age of 21 if the student:
- ▶ speaks English as a second language;
 - ▶ has had less than eight years of education since the age of five;
 - ▶ has not completed the requirements for a high school diploma; and
 - ▶ can be expected to complete all necessary graduation requirements by the end of the school year during which the student turns 23.
- 5 Eligible programs.** Changes a cross-reference to conform to the changes in section 4.
- 6 Placement of children without disabilities.** Authorizes a school district to provide transportation to a sibling of a homeless student transported under this section if that sibling attends the same school.
- 7 No election; Minneapolis bonding.** Extends the authority of the Minneapolis school district annually to issue and sell \$15 million in general obligation facility bonds without voter approval.
- 8 Bonding authorization; St. Paul.** Extends the authority of the St. Paul school district annually to issue and sell \$15 million in general obligation facility bonds without voter approval.