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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Minnesota's schools have a variety of programs designed to enhance student achievement and broaden student access to higher level courses. One such program is the concurrent enrollment funding program, which was enacted in 2007 and first provided funding to school districts in fiscal year 2008. Under current law, initial funding for concurrent enrollment programs is set at \$150 per pupil for each concurrent enrollment class taken. This initial aid amount is then prorated to match the amount actually appropriated for the program. The baseline appropriation for this program is \$2 million per year, which resulted in funding being prorated in fiscal year 2011 to about 25 percent of the initial funding estimated for school districts.

In fiscal year 2011, roughly 52,000 student course units of concurrent enrollment were provided to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

This bill adds concurrent enrollment funding to the open and standing appropriation for general education revenue so that the full \$150 per student per course can be provided to school districts. This bill has a cost of about \$6 million per year over the baseline level of funding.

#### Section

- 1 Concurrent enrollment programs.** Removes an obsolete date from the concurrent enrollment funding statute.
- 2 Open and standing appropriation.** Adds the funding for concurrent enrollment programs to the general education open and standing appropriation (this makes the concurrent enrollment

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program fully funded).

- 3**      **Appropriation; Concurrent enrollment programs.** Appropriates an unspecified amount for concurrent enrollment program funding for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.