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Bill Summary

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Overview

Establishes approved recovery programs for students struggling with substance abuse or dependency and provides program funding.

Section

1 Approved recovery program funding.

Subd. 1. Eligibility. Declares an approved recovery program eligible for support staff aid, including aid for licensed alcohol and chemical dependency counselors and school counselors, psychologists, nurses, and social workers.

Subd. 2. Support staff aid. Makes aid for each approved program equal to 20 percent of the salary of each eligible staff person, prorated by that part of the day that the person spends working in the recovery program.

Subd. 3. Pupil transportation aid. Makes a student attending a recovery program eligible for pupil transportation aid. Makes aid equal to the cost of a quarterly Metro Transit pass for students residing in the metropolitan area and, for students residing in greater Minnesota, the students' actual transportation cost or 15 cents per mile, whichever is less.

Makes this section effective for fiscal year 2015.

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- 2** **Approved recovery program.** Defines “approved recovery program” to mean a course of instruction that includes academic services, recovery assistance, and continuing care for substance abuse or dependency. Allows the program to be offered in a transitional academic setting. Requires commissioner approval.
- 3** **Average daily membership.** Prohibits a student in an approved recovery program from being counted as more than 1.7 pupils in average daily attendance.
- Makes this section effective for fiscal year 2015.
- 4** **General education revenue.** For fiscal year 2015 and later, makes recovery program revenue part of the general education revenue calculation.
- Makes this section effective for fiscal year 2015.
- 5** **Recovery program revenue.** Makes a school district’s recovery program revenue equal to the basic formula allowance times the sum of the district’s marginal cost pupil units for each pupil in average daily membership calculated between 1.2 and 1.7.
- Makes this section effective for fiscal year 2015.
- 6** **Appropriations.** Appropriates unspecified general fund amounts in fiscal year 2015 to the commissioner of education for purposes of funding approved recovery programs.