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Overview

Under current law, two percent of a district's basic revenue (about \$121 per pupil unit) is set aside for staff development activities. Because current staff development revenue is based on the number of pupils served, staff development revenue is not generally available to cooperative units that provide services to special education students otherwise enrolled in serving school districts.

Minnesota's three current intermediate school districts and a number of cooperative units in Greater Minnesota provide special education services to students, and often to students with the most significant needs. This bill creates a new state aid for staff development purposes equal to \$1,000 times the number of licensed staff and classroom aides employed by the cooperative unit.

Section

- 1 Staff development revenue.** Clarifies that the current staff development set aside and list of qualifying activities applies to school districts by modifying the section header.
- 2 Staff development aid for intermediate school districts and other cooperative units.** Provides staff development aid to intermediate school districts and other cooperatives equal to \$1,000 times the full-time equivalent number of licensed instructional staff and nonlicensed classroom aides employed by the intermediate or other cooperative in the previous year. Requires the staff development aid to be used for: (1) proactive behavior management; (2) personal safety training; (3) de-escalation techniques; and (4) adapting curriculum and pedagogy for students with complex learning and behavioral needs.

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- 3** **Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount beginning in fiscal year 2017 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for payment of staff development aid to intermediate school districts and other cooperative units.