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Overview

A school district may provide additional instructional services to its students through an extended time program (programs that have a longer school day, longer school week, or a summer school session are called extended time programs). Minnesota's terminology refers to these programs as State Approved Alternative Programs (SAAP).

Extended time services may be provided through an Area Learning Center (ALC) or an Alternative Learning Program (ALP). An ALC provides comprehensive educational services to enrolled secondary students throughout the year. An Alternative Learning Program (ALP) is very similar to an ALC, but may choose to only serve students within their district, and each ALP determines the grade levels it wishes to serve. Additionally, ALP programs do not provide targeted services activities for students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Extended time revenue provided funding for extended time services by counting students for up to an additional 0.2 pupils and multiplying those additional hours of service by a fixed formula allowance which is currently \$5,117. Currently, extended time revenue amounts to about \$64 million per year.

This bill increases extended time revenue to the full amount of the basic formula allowance, having an annual fiscal impact of about \$11.6 million and links extended time revenue to the increases in the basic formula allowance in future years so when the basic formula allowance increases so does the extended time allowance.

Section

- 1** **Extended time revenue.** Replaces the current fixed dollar allowance for extended time revenue (\$5,117) with the general education basic formula allowance (\$6,067) beginning in fiscal year 2018. This linkage means that any future increase in the basic formula allowance would also increase extended time revenue.