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Overview

The 2014 Legislature created an ongoing funding mechanism for approved recovery schools. The statutory program authorizes a grant of up to \$125,000 per year to each approved program. The budget base for this program is \$500,000 per year. This bill increases the funding to a total of \$750,000 per year.

Under current law, the grants must be used for recovery program staff which are defined to include licensed alcohol and chemical dependency counselors, licensed school counselors, licensed school psychologists, licensed school nurses, and licensed school social workers. This bill also authorizes a portion of the grants to be spent on unreimbursed pupil transportation needs.

Section

- 1 Approved recovery program funding.** Broadens the uses of approved recovery program funding to include unreimbursed transportation costs incurred by students attending approved recovery programs.
- 2 Appropriation; approved recovery school programs.** Appropriates \$750,000 each year from the general fund to the commissioner of education for grants to approved recovery school programs.