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### Overview

This bill provides added financial aid and grants for programs operated by intermediate school districts and other cooperative units that provide assistance to students with severe mental health and behavioral health needs.

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- 1 Additional revenue.** Creates a new aid for a state-approved alternative program operated by an intermediate school district or other cooperative unit (education districts, service cooperatives, and other joint powers units). Sets the new formula allowance equal to the statewide average referendum and local optional revenue amount (currently about \$1,200 per pupil unit) and multiplies that amount by the number of pupil units attending each state-approved alternative program.
- 2 Alternative attendance programs.** Allows the new aid created in section 1 to be paid directly to the intermediate school district or other cooperative unit instead of first passing the aid through an independent school district.
- 3 Establishment and authority.** Authorizes the commissioner of human services to make school-linked mental health grants directly to intermediate school districts or other cooperative units providing instruction to students in federal instructional settings of level 4 or higher so long as the grants are used only for school-linked mental health services.
- 4 Staff development aid for intermediate school districts.** Converts the grant program that provided one-time staff development funding to intermediate school districts and other cooperative units providing instruction to level 4 students to an ongoing annual aid program

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of an unspecified amount based on the number of licensed and non-licensed instructional staff at the site.

- 5**      **Appropriation; staff development aid for intermediate school districts.** Adds fiscal year 2018 and 2019 appropriations to the one-time appropriation in fiscal year 2017 for staff development aid to intermediates and other cooperatives serving level 4 students.
- 6**      **Appropriation; commissioner of human services.** Appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for additional school-linked mental health grants. These grants are added to the base level of grants and are for intermediate school districts and other cooperative units.
- 7**      **Appropriations.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of money for a longitudinal accountability study of services for students with severe mental and behavioral health needs who receive services from intermediate school districts and other cooperative units. Appropriates an unspecified amount of funding for the new aid formula created in section 1 of this bill.
- 8**      **Revisor instruction.** Directs the Revisor to codify section 4 in the next and subsequent editions of the statutes.