

Subject Increasing Funding for Concurrent Enrollment Programs

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Overview

Minnesota's dual enrollment programs (programs that allow a student to receive high school and college course credit for the same class) have evolved over the last 30 years since the postsecondary enrollment options (PSEO) program was first passed by the 1985 legislature. Dual enrollment options include: traditional PSEO at the higher education institution; PSEO through agreement (similar to traditional PSEO but with a different funding scheme); and concurrent enrollment programs.

In 1992 the legislature specifically authorized school districts and postsecondary institutions (PSIs) to provide PSEO courses taught in the high school. These programs are sometimes referred to as concurrent enrollment programs or by the program name of the institution offering the course (e.g., College in the Schools–University of Minnesota). Instructors in these programs are generally high school teachers specially trained by the sponsoring postsecondary institution to teach the course using curriculum developed by faculty at the PSI.

Concurrent enrollment courses are supported through a state aid paid to school districts. The statutory aid amount is \$150 per student per course, but this aid is limited to the annual appropriation--currently \$4 million per year.

H.F. 1190 proposes to fully fund the concurrent enrollment aid formula.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Concurrent enrollment program aid. Clarifies statutory language for the concurrent enrollment aid program.
2	Appropriation. Appropriates \$12,862,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$13,505,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the state general fund to the Department of Education for payment of concurrent enrollment aid. These amounts are sufficient to eliminate proration of this aid.



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