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## Overview

A school district may offer programs for adults with disabilities as part of their community education programming. These programs may include outreach activities to identify adults needing service, classes specifically for adults with disabilities, services enabling the adults to participate in community education, and activities to increase public awareness and enhance the role of people with disabilities in the community.

Prior to changes enacted by the 2023 Legislature, only 77 school districts were eligible for relatively small amounts of revenue for their adults with disabilities programs. These districts had received the same capped matching state aid and levy authority for more than 30 years. State aid equaled the lesser of \$30,000 or one-half of the actual program expenditures and a matching levy authority. The remainder of a district's program revenue is composed of funds from other public or private sources.

The 2023 Legislature increased the funding for the program and changed the annual fixed grant amounts to an equalized aid formula available to all school districts beginning in fiscal year 2025. The new program revenue amount equals 34 cents times the per capita population of the school district.

H.F. 3822 simplifies the evaluation and reporting process to allow school districts to include the details of their adults with disabilities programs in their community education plans which are annually submitted to the Department of Education. The bill also requires each school district's community education advisory council to evaluate their local program at least once every five years.

## Summary

| Section | Description   |
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| 1       | <p><b>Program approval. [Adults with disabilities program]</b></p> <p>Simplifies the adults with disabilities program approval process. Eliminates a stand-alone approval process. Requires each school district to describe its program in its annual community education plan submitted to the Department of Education.</p> <p>Requires the local community education advisory council to evaluate their adults with disabilities program at least once every five years.</p> |



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