

**Subject** School Support Personnel Funded through Ongoing Aid Program

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## Overview

H.F. 8 creates an ongoing categorical funding formula to fund additional school support personnel equal to \$100 per pupil unit with a minimum funding of \$50,000 per school district.

School support personnel are school counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, school social workers, and chemical dependency counselors.

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>Student support personnel aid.</b> |
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Creates a new ongoing state aid program to help fund additional school support personnel.

**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines school support personnel as school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, school nurses, and chemical dependency counselors.

**Subd. 2. Purpose.** Establishes the purpose of student support personnel aid.

**Subd. 3. Aid eligibility and application.** Qualifies school districts, charter schools, intermediate school districts, and other cooperative units to receive student support personnel aid.

**Subd. 4. Student support personnel aid.** Sets the initial aid amount at \$100 times the number of adjusted pupil units in the school district or charter school during the current year. For small school districts, guarantees a minimum aid amount of \$50,000 for the school district. Creates a separate category of aid for intermediate school districts and other cooperative units serving students equal to \$6 per adjusted pupil unit in the member school districts.

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**Subd. 5. Allowed uses; match requirements.** Allows a school district to contract for services with the money if the district is unable to hire a new full-time employee with the student support personnel aid.

**Subd. 6. Report required.** Requires each school district to report annually to the commissioner of education on the impact of the funds and how the money has affected at least two of the following measures: (1) school climate; (2) student health; (3) attendance rates; (4) academic achievement; (5) career and college readiness; and (6) postsecondary completion rates.

2 **Appropriations.**

Appropriates \$96 million in fiscal year 2024 and \$106 million in fiscal year 2025 for student support personnel aid.



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