

Subject Safe Schools Revenue

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Overview

The current safe schools revenue program allows school districts to levy for costs associated with student and staff safety issues. Eligible expenses include: law enforcement liaison services (School Resource Officers); drug abuse (DARE) and gang resistance prevention programs; school security and cyber security measures; other crime prevention and student and staff safety measures; and counseling, social work, and chemical dependency services provided by licensed professionals.

Under current law, safe schools revenue is provided entirely through the local levy limited to not more than \$36 per pupil. School districts that are members of an intermediate school district may levy an additional \$15 per pupil for safe schools activities at the intermediate school district.

H.F. 56 adds state aid to the safe schools revenue program, provides safe schools aid to charter schools, and provides safe schools aid for all cooperative units enrolling students. Beginning in fiscal year 2026, the bill sets the safe schools allowance equal to \$48.73 per pupil for school districts and charter schools, and the cooperative safe schools allowance of \$2.44 times the total pupils of each cooperative's member districts. The proposed safe schools aid formula also includes a minimum annual amount of \$40,000 for school districts and cooperative units, and \$20,000 for each charter school.

Summary

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1	Safe schools revenue.
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Defines safe school revenue to include the current safe schools levy authority and the proposed safe schools aid created in subdivision 2.

Section	Description
2	Safe schools aid. Creates a safe schools aid allowance of \$48.73 per pupil unit for each school district and charter school and a cooperative safe schools aid allowance of \$2.44 per pupil unit times each cooperative unit's member school district pupil units. The bill also sets a minimum annual aid amount of \$40,000 for each school district and cooperative unit, and \$20,000 for each charter school.
3	Uses of safe schools revenue. Adds drug abuse intervention programs to the clause currently authorizing the use of funds for drug abuse prevention programs. Authorizes safe schools revenue to be spent for any purpose previously authorized under the student support personnel aid program.
4	Appropriations. Appropriates an unspecified amount of state aid for safe schools programs for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.
5	Repealer. Repeals the school district student support personnel aid program.



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