

Subject Safe Schools Revenue and Student Support Personnel Aid Combined

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Overview

School districts and intermediate school districts, through their member school districts, may levy for safe schools revenue. Safe school revenue is provided through a local levy and is equal to \$36 per pupil for school districts and \$15 per pupil times the pupil units of the member districts of the intermediate school district.

School districts, charter schools, and cooperative units (intermediate school districts, special education cooperatives, education districts, service cooperatives, etc.) qualify for student support personnel aid, a newer aid authorized by the 2023 Legislature. For school districts and charter schools, the student support personnel aid allowance equals \$17.08 for fiscal year 2025, \$30.05 for fiscal years 2026 and 2027, and \$34.32 for fiscal year 2028 and later. For school districts, there is a minimum aid guarantee of \$40,000 per district and for charter schools, the minimum aid per charter school is \$20,000. Safe school aid may be used for the purposes in Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.44.

A cooperative unit receives student support aid based on the pupils in its member districts equal to \$0.85 per pupil for fiscal year 2025 and \$1.60 per pupil for fiscal year 2026 and later, with a minimum aid amount of \$40,000 per member district. Student support personnel aid must be placed in a reserve account and must be used to expand the number of school support personnel serving the school. Student support personnel include school nurses, school psychologists, school counselors, school social workers, and chemical dependency counselors.

H.F. 3494 combines the funding stream for the student support personnel aid program into the funding stream for safe schools revenue, leaving the overall funding level and the distribution of funding among school districts, charter schools, and cooperative units unchanged.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Safe schools revenue for school districts. Defines safe schools revenue as the sum of each school's safe schools aid and its safe schools levy.
2	Safe schools aid allowance. Creates a safe schools aid allowance for school districts, charter schools, and cooperative units equal to the aid allowance of the student support personnel aid program. Sets the safe schools aid allowance equal to \$34.32 for school districts and charter schools, and \$1.60 for cooperative units.
3	Safe schools aid for a school district. Establishes safe schools aid for a school district equal to the greater of \$40,000 or the safe schools aid allowance for that school year times the school district's pupil units.
4	Safe schools aid for a charter school. Sets the safe schools aid for a charter school equal to the greater of \$20,000 or the safe schools aid allowance for that school year times the charter school's pupil units.
5	Safe schools aid for a cooperative unit. Sets safe schools aid for a cooperative unit equal to the greater of \$40,000 for each member district or the safe schools allowance for cooperative units for that year times the cooperative's member district pupil units.
6	Use of safe schools revenue. Adds all of the uses of student support personnel aid to the eligible revenue uses for safe schools revenue. Broadens the existing safe schools revenue for drug abuse prevention activities to also include programs for drug abuse intervention activities.
7	Student support personnel aid. Eliminates the aid entitlement for student support personnel aid beginning in fiscal year 2027 (note the remaining appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is the cleanup payment for fiscal year 2026).
8	Safe schools aid. Increases safe schools aid by the amount of the reduction in student support personnel aid beginning in fiscal year 2027.
9	Repealer; student support personnel aid. Repeals the student support personnel aid program for fiscal year 2027 and later.



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