

Subject Student Support Personnel Aid

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Overview

The 2023 Legislature enacted a new categorical aid called student support personnel aid, often referred to by its acronym SSPA. Student support personnel are defined as school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, school nurses, and chemical dependency counselors. The goal of the program is to fund additional student support personnel in each district. The aid amounts for school districts, charter schools, and cooperative units combine a per pupil allowance and a minimum amount per school unit (district, charter, or cooperative).

In the initial legislation, SSPA was phased in with a per pupil allowance of \$11.94 for fiscal year 2024, \$17.08 for fiscal year 2025, and \$48.73 for fiscal year 2026 and later. The minimum amounts were set at \$40,000 for school districts and cooperatives, and \$20,000 for charter schools. The 2025 Legislature reduced the phase in of the per pupil aid allowance to \$30.05 for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 and \$34.32 for fiscal years 2028 and later. There were no changes to the minimum amounts per school unit.

H.F. 3857 restores the per pupil allowance to \$48.73 for fiscal year 2026 and later.

Summary

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| 1 | Student support personnel aid.
Increases the per pupil allowance for student support personnel aid (SSPA) from \$30.05 to \$48.73 per pupil for fiscal year 2026 and later. |
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Section	Description
2	<p data-bbox="316 262 917 300">Student support personnel aid appropriation.</p> <p data-bbox="316 310 1430 382">Appropriates an additional unspecified amount for student support personnel aid for fiscal year 2026 and later.</p>



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