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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 3568

02/23/2026 Authored by Gander The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; authorizing student support personnel aid to be used for costs
1.3 of certain licensed special education teachers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2025
1.4 Supplement, section 124D.901, subdivisions 1, 4, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 124D.901, subdivision 1, is
1.7 amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.9 the meanings given:

1.10 (1) "new position" means a student support services personnel full-time or part-time
1.11 position not under contract by a school district, charter school, or cooperative unit at the
1.12 start of the 2022-2023 school year;

1.13 (2) "part-time position" means a student support services personnel position less than
1.14 1.0 full-time equivalent at the start of the 2022-2023 school year; and

1.15 (3) "student support services personnel" means:

1.16 (i) an individual licensed to serve as a school counselor, school psychologist, school
1.17 social worker, school nurse, or chemical dependency counselor in Minnesota; or

1.18 (ii) a special education teacher licensed in Minnesota as an academic and behavioral
1.19 strategist, or in developmental disabilities, emotional or behavioral disorders, learning
1.20 disabilities, or autism spectrum disorders.

1.21 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2027 and later.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 124D.901, subdivision 4, is amended
2.2 to read:

2.3 Subd. 4. **Allowed uses.** (a) Aid under this section must be used to enhance student
2.4 support services by:

2.5 (1) increasing new student support services personnel positions;

2.6 (2) increasing a current student support services personnel position that is less than 1.0
2.7 full-time equivalent to a greater number of service hours; or

2.8 (3) making permanent a student support services personnel position hired using onetime
2.9 resources.

2.10 (b) Cooperative student support personnel aid must be transferred to the intermediate
2.11 district or other cooperative unit of which the district is a member and used to hire new
2.12 positions for student support services personnel or increase a current position that is less
2.13 than 1.0 full-time equivalent to a greater number of service hours or make permanent a
2.14 position hired using onetime resources at the intermediate district or cooperative unit.

2.15 (c) If a school district, charter school, or cooperative unit does not receive at least two
2.16 applications and is not able to hire a new full-time equivalent position with student support
2.17 personnel aid or use the aid as otherwise provided under subdivision 4a, the aid may be
2.18 used for contracted services from ~~individuals licensed to serve as a school counselor, school~~
2.19 ~~psychologist, school social worker, school nurse, or chemical dependency counselor in~~
2.20 ~~Minnesota~~ individuals serving as student support services personnel.

2.21 (d) In addition to the personnel uses authorized under paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) and
2.22 subdivision 4a, a district, charter school, or cooperative unit may use up to \$5,000 of student
2.23 support personnel aid each year for the following purposes:

2.24 (1) to cover the costs of providing training or job-embedded coaching; or

2.25 (2) to cover the costs of student support personnel travel among school sites operated
2.26 by a single district, charter school, or cooperative unit, or among school sites operated by
2.27 a cooperative unit's member districts or a group of charter schools.

2.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2027 and later.

2.29 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 124D.901, is amended by adding a
2.30 subdivision to read:

2.31 Subd. 6. **Accounting.** Costs paid by student support personnel aid under this section
2.32 must not be included in the calculation of special education expenditures under section

- 3.1 125A.76. The commissioner may establish procedures to ensure that any costs reimbursed
- 3.2 under this section are excluded from other school revenue calculations.
- 3.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2027 and later.