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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

A bill for an act

relating to education finance; increasing safe schools revenue to school districts; providing safe schools aid to charter schools and cooperative units; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 126C.44.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 126C.44, is amended to read:

126C.44 SAFE SCHOOLS REVENUE.

Subdivision 1. **Safe schools revenue for school districts.** (a) For fiscal years 2025 and 2026, a school district's safe schools revenue equals its safe schools levy.

(b) For fiscal year 2027 and later, a school district's safe schools revenue equals the sum of its safe schools aid and its safe schools levy.

Subd. 1a. **Safe schools aid for school districts.** The safe schools aid for a school district equals $100 times the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

Subd. 2. ~~**School district**~~ **Safe schools levy for school districts.** A school district's safe schools levy equals $36 times the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

Subd. 2a. **Safe schools revenue for an intermediate school district.** An intermediate school district's safe schools revenue equals the sum of its safe schools levy and its cooperative unit safe schools aid.

Subd. 3. **Safe schools ~~revenue~~ levy for intermediate school districts.** A school district that is a member of an intermediate school district may include in its levy authority under this section the costs associated with safe schools activities authorized under this section for intermediate school district programs. This authority must not exceed the product of

$15 and the adjusted pupil units of the member districts. This authority is in addition to any other authority authorized under this section. Revenue raised under this subdivision must be transferred to the intermediate school district.

Subd. 3a. **Safe schools aid for cooperative units.** (a) A cooperative unit's safe schools aid equals $35 times the adjusted pupil units of a cooperative unit's member school districts for the school year. For purposes of this section, a cooperative unit has the meaning given in section 123A.24, subdivision 2.

(b) A school district must designate only one cooperative unit as the recipient of its cooperative unit state aid in the form and manner specified by the commissioner.

(c) A school district's cooperative unit safe schools aid must be paid to the cooperative unit in the form and manner specified by the commissioner.

Subd. 3b. **Safe schools aid for charter schools.** For fiscal year 2027 and later, safe schools aid for a charter school equals $100 times the charter school's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

Subd. 4. **Use of safe schools revenue.** (a) Safe schools revenue must be reserved and used for directly funding the following purposes or for reimbursing the cities and counties who contract with the ~~district~~ school for the following purposes:

(1) to pay the costs incurred for the salaries, benefits, and transportation costs of peace officers and sheriffs for liaison in services in the ~~district's~~ schools;

(2) to pay the costs for a drug abuse prevention program as defined in section 609.101, subdivision 3, paragraph (e), in the elementary schools;

(3) to pay the costs for a gang resistance education training curriculum in the ~~district's~~ schools;

(4) to pay the costs for security in the ~~district's~~ schools and on school property;

(5) to pay the costs for other crime prevention, drug abuse, student and staff safety, voluntary opt-in suicide prevention tools, and violence prevention measures taken by the school ~~district~~;

(6) to pay costs for licensed school counselors, licensed school nurses, licensed school social workers, licensed school psychologists, and licensed alcohol and substance use disorder counselors to help provide early responses to problems;

(7) to pay for facility security enhancements including laminated glass, public announcement systems, emergency communications devices, and equipment and facility modifications related to violence prevention and facility security;

(8) to pay for costs associated with improving the school climate;

(9) to pay costs for colocating and collaborating with mental health professionals who are not ~~district~~ school employees or contractors; or

(10) to pay for the costs of cybersecurity measures, including updating computer hardware and software, other systems upgrades, and cybersecurity insurance costs.

(b) For expenditures under paragraph (a), clause (1), the school district must initially attempt to contract for services to be provided by peace officers or sheriffs with the police department of each city or the sheriff's department of the county within the district containing the school receiving the services. If a local police department or a county sheriff's department does not wish to provide the necessary services, the district may contract for these services with any other police or sheriff's department located entirely or partially within the school district's boundaries.

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

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; SAFE SCHOOLS AID.**

Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sum indicated in this section is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal year designated.

Subd. 2. **Safe schools aid.** For safe schools aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.44:

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