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H. F. No. 2706

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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 finance; postsecondary institution enrollment aid for meals;
1.3 postsecondary institution enrollment aid for transportation costs for qualifying
1.4 students; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section
1.5 124D.09, subdivisions 19, 22.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.09, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 19. Fees; textbooks; materials; meals. A postsecondary institution that receives
1.9 reimbursement for a pupil under subdivision 13 may not charge that pupil for fees, textbooks,
1.10 materials, support services as defined in section 135A.16, or other necessary costs of the
1.11 course or program in which the pupil is enrolled if the charge would be prohibited under
1.12 section 123B.37, except for equipment purchased by the pupil that becomes the property
1.13 of the pupil. An institution may require the pupil to pay for fees, textbooks, and materials
1.14 for a course taken for postsecondary credit. For a pupil enrolled full-time at a postsecondary
1.15 institution, the Department of Education shall make payments to the postsecondary institution
1.16 to cover student services fees. For a pupil receiving lunch at a postsecondary institution,
1.17 the Department of Education shall make payments to the postsecondary institution to fully
1.18 subsidize the cost of meals.

1.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.09, subdivision 22, is amended to read:

1.20 Subd. 22. Transportation. (a) A postsecondary institution, pupil, or parent or guardian
1.21 of a pupil enrolled in a course for secondary credit may apply to the pupil's district of
1.22 residence for reimbursement state aid for transporting the pupil between the secondary
1.23 school in which the pupil is enrolled or the pupil's home and the postsecondary institution

2.1 that the pupil attends. The state shall provide state aid to a district in an amount sufficient
 2.2 to ~~reimburse fund the pupil or parent or guardian for the necessary transportation costs when~~
 2.3 ~~the family's or guardian's income is at or below the poverty level, as determined by the~~
 2.4 ~~federal government~~ pupil is eligible for free or reduced-priced lunch at the pupil's district
 2.5 of residence. Necessary transportation costs may encompass costs incurred by a personal
 2.6 vehicle, rideshare, parking, and public transportation. The reimbursement shall be the pupil's
 2.7 actual cost of transportation or ~~15 cents per mile traveled~~ the current Internal Revenue
 2.8 Service standard business travel mileage rates, whichever is less. Reimbursement State aid
 2.9 ~~may not be paid for~~ cover more than 250 miles per week. However, if the nearest
 2.10 postsecondary institution is more than 25 miles from the pupil's resident secondary school,
 2.11 ~~the weekly reimbursement~~ state aid may not exceed the ~~reimbursement~~ rate per mile times
 2.12 the actual distance between the secondary school or the pupil's home and the nearest
 2.13 postsecondary institution times ten. The state must pay aid to the district according to this
 2.14 subdivision. A district or postsecondary institution that is reimbursed for transporting an
 2.15 eligible pupil under this subdivision must not charge any pupil for transportation.

2.16 (b) A parent or guardian of an alternative pupil enrolled in a course for secondary credit
 2.17 may apply to the pupil's postsecondary institution for ~~reimbursement~~ state aid for transporting
 2.18 the pupil between the secondary school in which the pupil is enrolled or the pupil's home
 2.19 and the postsecondary institution ~~in an amount sufficient to reimburse the parent or guardian~~
 2.20 ~~for the necessary transportation costs when the family's or guardian's income is at or below~~
 2.21 ~~the poverty level, as determined by the federal government.~~ The amount of the ~~reimbursement~~
 2.22 state aid shall be determined as in paragraph (a). The state must pay aid to the postsecondary
 2.23 institution according to this subdivision.

2.24 Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION.

2.25 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
 2.26 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
 2.27 designated.

2.28 Subd. 2. Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act additional aid. For additional aid
 2.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09:

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