

123A.05 AREA LEARNING CENTER ORGANIZATION.

Subdivision 1. **Governance.** A district may establish an area learning center either by itself or in cooperation with other districts, a service cooperative, an intermediate school district, a local education and employment transitions partnership, public and private secondary and postsecondary institutions, public agencies, businesses, and foundations. Except for a district located in a city of the first class, a center must serve the geographic area of at least two districts.

Subd. 2. **Reserve revenue.** Each district that is a member of an area learning center must reserve revenue in an amount equal to the sum of (1) at least 90 percent of the district average general education revenue per pupil unit minus an amount equal to the product of the formula allowance according to section 126C.10, subdivision 2, times .0485, calculated without basic skills revenue and transportation sparsity revenue, times the number of pupil units attending an area learning center program under this section, plus (2) the amount of basic skills revenue generated by pupils attending the area learning center. The amount of reserved revenue under this subdivision may only be spent on program costs associated with the area learning center.

Subd. 3. **Access to services.** A center shall have access to the district's regular education programs, special education programs, technology facilities, and staff. It may contract with individuals or postsecondary institutions. It shall seek the involvement of community education programs, postsecondary institutions, interagency collaboratives, culturally based organizations, mutual assistance associations, and other community resources, businesses, and other federal, state, and local public agencies.

Subd. 4. **Nonresident pupils.** A pupil who does not reside in the district may attend a center without consent of the school board of the district of residence.

History: 1987 c 398 art 8 s 34; 1Sp1995 c 3 art 4 s 20; 1996 c 305 art 1 s 138; 1996 c 412 art 4 s 12; 1Sp1997 c 4 art 2 s 32; 1998 c 397 art 5 s 100,101,104; art 11 s 3; 1998 c 398 art 2 s 33; 1999 c 241 art 2 s 4,5; 1Sp2005 c 5 art 1 s 2