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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; authorizing state aid for summer school activities;
1.3 expanding access to school-linked mental health services; requiring a report;
1.4 appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. SUMMER SCHOOL AID.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Summer programming aid amount. (a) A school district, charter school,
1.8 or cooperative unit providing in-person instruction to its students is eligible for summer
1.9 programming aid.

1.10 (b) The summer programming aid allowance equals \$75,000,000 divided by the number
1.11 of students enrolled in Minnesota's school districts, charter schools, and cooperative units
1.12 during the fall of 2020.

1.13 (c) A school district, charter school, or cooperative unit's summer programming aid
1.14 equals the summer programming aid allowance times the number of students enrolled in
1.15 the school district, charter school, or cooperative unit during the fall of 2020.

1.16 Subd. 2. Uses of summer programming aid. A school district, charter school, or
1.17 cooperative unit receiving summer programming aid may use its summer programming aid
1.18 for:

1.19 (1) summer school activities, including traditional summer school, summer academies,
1.20 and academic day camps;

1.21 (2) community partnerships with businesses and organizations, including local businesses,
1.22 to develop, implement, and deliver a summer mentor model or tutoring model for students;

2.1 (3) expanding access to tutoring services for academic enrichment and learning loss
 2.2 recovery;

2.3 (4) expanding mental health and well-being supports to youth and adolescents attending
 2.4 summer learning programs;

2.5 (5) summer field trips, hands-on learning activities, and youth athletic programs;

2.6 (6) neighborhood partnerships to bring summer learning programs into the community,
 2.7 including contracting with community-based organizations, libraries, parks and recreation
 2.8 departments, Tribal organizations, faith-based organizations, and other learning providers;

2.9 (7) summer credit recovery programs to help students earn credits required to graduate;
 2.10 and

2.11 (8) enrichment programs for recent graduates, including one-on-one or group mental
 2.12 health supports.

2.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.14 Sec. 2. **REPORT ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.**

2.15 The commissioner of education must submit a report to the legislative committees having
 2.16 jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education on how federal funds received
 2.17 for COVID-19 for education purposes were used. The report must identify all school districts,
 2.18 charter schools, intermediate school districts, cooperative units as defined in Minnesota
 2.19 Statutes, section 123A.24, subdivision 2, nonpublic schools, child care programs, and other
 2.20 entities that receive the funds; the amounts distributed to the entities; and the purpose for
 2.21 which the funds were distributed. The report must also identify any application or reporting
 2.22 requirements an entity receiving the funds was required to follow. The report must be
 2.23 submitted by January 14, 2022, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195.

2.24 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS; DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

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

2.27 Subd. 2. **Summer school.** (a) For summer school aid to schools under section 1:

2.28 § 75,000,000 2021

2.29 (b) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2022.

3.1 Subd. 3. **School-linked mental health.** (a) For transfer to the commissioner of human
 3.2 services for expanding school-linked mental health grants:

3.3 § 6,011,000 2021

3.4 (b) The grants may be used to support and expand current school-linked mental health
 3.5 services. The grants may be used to access federal funds for school-linked mental health
 3.6 services and to provide additional outside one-on-one mental health supports to students.
 3.7 These funds may be awarded to new or existing school-linked mental health providers
 3.8 through amending current contracts.

3.9 (c) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph (a), up to two percent may be used for
 3.10 administrative purposes.

3.11 (d) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2022.

3.12 Subd. 4. **Equity aid.** (a) For grants to school districts, charter schools, and cooperative
 3.13 units to make equity adjustments to wrap around the federal CARES Act aid:

3.14 § 9,000,000 2021

3.15 (b) The commissioner of education must distribute this aid in inverse proportion to the
 3.16 per-pupil aid that each school district, charter school, or cooperative unit has received under
 3.17 the CARES Act and other COVID-19 pandemic-related funding.

3.18 Subd. 5. **Summer transportation.** (a) For additional pupil transportation expenses for
 3.19 school districts and charter schools providing transportation to and from summer school
 3.20 and to and from the activities authorized in section 1, subdivision 2:

3.21 § 2,375,000 2021

3.22 (b) The commissioner of education must use the appropriation in paragraph (a) to provide
 3.23 aid to school districts in an amount equal to a proportional increase in each school district's
 3.24 transportation sparsity adjustment under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.10, subdivision
 3.25 18a, until the full appropriation under paragraph (a) has been allocated.

3.26 (c) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2022.

3.27 Subd. 6. **Early learning scholarships.** (a) For additional early learning scholarships
 3.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.165:

3.29 § 15,017,000 2021

3.30 (b) The commissioner and scholarship administrators must prioritize additional funds
 3.31 to qualifying children ages four and five for summer learning activities. The commissioner
 3.32 may increase the grant award for children currently receiving an early learning scholarship

4.1 for services during the summer of 2021 and may award new scholarships to families on the
4.2 waiting list.

4.3 (c) This is a onetime appropriation.

4.4 Subd. 7. **Federal funds.** The commissioner of management and budget must determine
4.5 whether the expenditures authorized under this section are eligible uses of federal funding
4.6 received under the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund or any other federal funds
4.7 received by the state under the American Rescue Plan Act, Public Law 117-2. If the
4.8 commissioner of management and budget determines an expenditure is eligible for funding
4.9 under Public Law 117-2, the amount of the eligible expenditure is appropriated from the
4.10 account where those amounts have been deposited and the corresponding general fund
4.11 amounts appropriated under this section are canceled to the general fund.

4.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.