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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **2476**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; modifying the special education funding formula;  
1.3 increasing special education aid; appropriating money; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2018, section 125A.76, subdivision 2a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 125A.76, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2a. **Special education initial aid.** ~~For fiscal year 2016 and later,~~ A district's special  
1.8 education initial aid equals the sum of:

1.9 (1) the ~~least~~ greater of 62 percent of the district's old formula special education  
1.10 expenditures for the prior fiscal year, excluding pupil transportation expenditures, 50 percent  
1.11 of the district's nonfederal special education expenditures for the prior year, excluding pupil  
1.12 transportation expenditures, or 56 percent of the product of the sum of the following amounts,  
1.13 computed using prior fiscal year data, and the program growth factor:

1.14 (i) the product of the district's average daily membership served and the sum of:

1.15 (A) \$450; plus

1.16 (B) \$400 times the ratio of the sum of the number of pupils enrolled on October 1 who  
1.17 are eligible to receive free lunch plus one-half of the pupils enrolled on October 1 who are  
1.18 eligible to receive reduced-price lunch to the total October 1 enrollment; plus

1.19 (C) .008 times the district's average daily membership served; plus

1.20 (ii) \$10,400 times the December 1 child count for the primary disability areas of autism  
1.21 spectrum disorders, developmental delay, and severely multiply impaired; plus

2.1 (iii) \$18,000 times the December 1 child count for the primary disability areas of deaf  
 2.2 and hard-of-hearing and emotional or behavioral disorders; plus

2.3 (iv) \$27,000 times the December 1 child count for the primary disability areas of  
 2.4 developmentally cognitive mild-moderate, developmentally cognitive severe-profound,  
 2.5 physically impaired, visually impaired, and deafblind; plus

2.6 (2) the cost of providing transportation services for children with disabilities under  
 2.7 section 123B.92, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (4).

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2020 and later.

2.9 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; SPECIAL EDUCATION.**

2.10 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are  
 2.11 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal years  
 2.12 designated.

2.13 Subd. 2. **Special education; regular.** For special education aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
 2.14 section 125A.75:

2.15	\$	.....	.....	<u>2020</u>
2.16	\$	.....	.....	<u>2021</u>