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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4594

03/07/2024 Authored by Schomacker and Kresha 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; expanding the allowable uses of student support
1.3 personnel aid; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.901,
1.4 subdivision 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.901, subdivision 4, is
1.7 amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. Allowed uses. (a) Aid under this section must be used to enhance student
1.9 support services, including but not limited to hiring or contracting for personnel as provided
1.10 under paragraphs (b) to (d) or paying the costs of necessary transportation, equipment,
1.11 supplies, informational materials, communications, or personnel training.

1.12 (b) Aid under this section must may be used to hire new positions for student support
1.13 services personnel or increase a current position that is less than 1.0 full-time equivalent to
1.14 a greater number of service hours or make permanent a position hired using onetime resources
1.15 awarded through the federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act, the federal
1.16 Consolidated Appropriations Act, the federal Division M-Coronavirus Response and Relief
1.17 Supplemental Appropriations Act, or the federal American Rescue Plan Act, or to maintain
1.18 a position that would otherwise be eliminated.

1.19 (b)(c) Cooperative student support personnel aid must be transferred to the intermediate
1.20 district or other cooperative unit of which the district is a member and may be used to hire
1.21 new positions for student support services personnel or increase a current position that is
1.22 less than 1.0 full-time equivalent to a greater number of service hours or make permanent

2.1 a position hired using onetime resources awarded through the American Rescue Plan Act
2.2 at the intermediate district or cooperative unit.

2.3 ~~(e)~~ (d) If a school district, charter school, or cooperative unit does not receive at least
2.4 two applications and is not able to hire a new full-time equivalent position with student
2.5 support personnel aid, the aid may be used for contracted services from individuals licensed
2.6 to serve as a school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, school nurse, or
2.7 chemical dependency counselor in Minnesota.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2024 and later.