

Subject State Aid for Additional Student Support Personnel

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Overview

School districts fund school support personnel (school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, school nurses, and chemical dependency counselors) out of their general fund budget.

H.F. 1742 creates a new ongoing state aid to hire additional school support personnel and appropriates \$18.712 million in fiscal year 2022 and \$23.152 million in fiscal year 2023 to fund the program.

Summary

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1	Student support personnel aid.
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Creates a new ongoing state aid program to help fund additional school support personnel. Defines school support personnel as school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, school nurses, and chemical dependency counselors.

Sets the initial aid amount at \$22 times the number of students enrolled in the school district or charter school during the previous year. For small school districts, guarantees a minimum aid amount of \$35,000 for the school district. Creates a separate category of aid for intermediate school districts and other cooperative units serving students equal to \$4 per enrollee in the member school districts.

Allows a school district to contract for services with the money if the district is unable to hire a new full-time employee with the student support personnel aid.

Requires each school district to report annually to the commissioner of education on the impact of the funds and how the money has affected at least two of the following measures: (1) school climate; (2) attendance rates; (3) academic achievement; (4) career and college readiness; and (5) postsecondary completion rates.



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