Overview

The categorical funding formula for secondary vocational aid has been providing less aid over the last decade. This is because a new formula was instituted in the mid-1990s that no longer bases funding on approved program expenditures. In its current format, a school district's secondary vocational aid is equal to the lesser of:

(a) $80 times the district's average daily membership in grades 10 to 12; or

(b) 25 percent of the approved expenditures for secondary vocational salaries, contracted services, and curriculum development.

An aid guarantee provides that a school district will receive an unprorated state aid amount not less than the lesser of:

(a) 95 percent of the secondary vocational aid received in the previous year; or

(b) 40 percent of the approved expenditures for the secondary vocational programs.

1 State payment of aids. Changes the name of the secondary vocational program to the secondary career and technical education program.

Broadens the definition of secondary career and technical education programs to include certain business and industrial technology programs.

2 Secondary career and technical education aid. Changes the amount of aid from the lesser of $80 times the number of students in grades 10 to 12 or 25 percent of the district's approved expenditures to 50 percent of approved expenditures.

3 Standards and quality. Sets standards for secondary career and technical education programs.
Aid for contracted services. Changes the program approval procedures from rules of the state board of education to guidelines issued by the commissioner of children, families and learning.

Repealer. Repeals the following:
- Allocation of costs (§ 124D.453, subd. 4)
- Aid guarantee (§ 124D.453, subd. 5)
- Compliance with rules (§ 124D.453, subd. 6)