Overview

Career and technical aid is the new name for the secondary vocational aid program. Prior to the early 1990s, a school district received secondary vocational aid that reimbursed the district for a portion of its costs in each secondary vocational program area (agriculture, industrial arts, auto mechanics, etc). This formula was replaced with a "dollars per pupil formula" and a phase-out of aid based on a district's program costs. In 1999, the Governor's budget recommended eliminating secondary vocational aid entirely. As a compromise, the 1999 omnibus K-12 education finance bill provided funding for the secondary vocational aid program for the first year of the biennium only. For FY 00, the aid was set at the lesser of 25 percent of a district's secondary vocational expenditures or $73 times the number of pupils in grades 10 to 12.

H. F. 2558 reinstates ongoing funding for secondary vocational agricultural programs only. The aid amount is set equal to the lesser of $50 times the pupils in grades 10 to 12, or 50 percent of the district's costs for agricultural education programs.

1 Career and technical aid. Extends career and technical aid for fiscal year 2001 and later for agricultural education programs. Sets the aid amount for each school district at the lesser of (i) $50 times the number of pupils in grades 10 to 12; or (2) 50 percent of the approved expenditures for agricultural education programs.

2 Secondary vocational aid appropriation. Appropriates $2.7 million in FY 01 for payment of secondary vocational aid for agricultural education programs.(the current $1.13 million appropriation for FY 01 is the final payment for the FY 00 aid entitlement).

3 Repealer. Eliminates the repeal of the secondary vocational program.

4 Effective date. Makes sections 1 to 3 effective immediately.