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Overview

Career and technical education services include courses that were formerly called secondary vocational programs and include agricultural, business, technology, and health occupations courses, among others. A district that offers career and technical programming is eligible for revenue through a local property tax levy under this program.

During last year's legislative session, the career and technical funding formula was changed from the lesser of \$80 per pupil in grades 10 to 12, or 25 percent of the district's approved expenditures on career and technical programming to the greater of \$80 per pupil in grades 9 to 12, or 35 percent of the district's approved expenditures on career and technical programming. However, the overall levy was also capped at \$17.85 million for taxes payable in 2012, \$15.52 million for taxes payable in 2013, and \$15.545 million for taxes payable in 2014.

This bill eliminates the dollar caps and provides a higher level of career and technical funding (by about \$10 million per year).

- 1 Career and technical levy.** Eliminates the dollar caps from the career and technical levy that applied to taxes payable in 2012, 2013, and 2014.
- 2 Career and technical levy; levies payable in 2012.** Keeps the levy cap at \$17.850 million for taxes payable in 2012 only (these taxes were certified in December of 2011 and are payable in calendar 2012).