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Overview

Minnesota's dual enrollment programs (programs that allow a student to receive high school and college course credit for the same class) have evolved over the last 30 years since the postsecondary enrollment options (PSEO) program was first passed by the legislature in 1985.

Under the traditional PSEO program, an eligible student leaves the high school and takes a college course taught by a member of the college faculty on the campus of a qualifying postsecondary institution (PSI). In some cases, the student may take the college course online directly from the postsecondary institution.

All 11th and 12th grade Minnesota pupils (public, nonpublic, and homeschool students), and some Minnesota public school students in 10th grade may apply to a PSI in order to participate in the traditional PSEO program. A student may participate part-time or full-time in the traditional PSEO program. A public high school may not prohibit a student from participating in the traditional PSEO program.

H.F. 1735 modifies a notice requirement, expands online PSEO opportunities, and increases the pupil transportation reimbursement from a maximum of 15 cents per mile to the rate allowed by the IRS, currently 58 cents per mile and extends the income limits for families eligible for the transportation reimbursement.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Dissemination of information; notification of intent to enroll. Requires a school district to notify a student of PSEO opportunities by the earlier of at least three weeks before the student must register for courses or March 1 of each year (March 1 is the current law the notification date).

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2	<p>Enrollment priority.</p> <p>Requires a participating postsecondary institution to allow a high school student to enroll in online courses consistent with the postsecondary institution’s policy for its postsecondary pupils.</p>
3	<p>Transportation.</p> <p>Expands the PSEO transportation eligibility from students families at the poverty level or below to students at the reduced price meal eligibility level (185 percent of the federal poverty level—\$47,638 for a family of four for the 2019-20 school year). Raises the maximum reimbursement from 15 cents per mile to the IRS mileage rate, which is currently 58 cents per mile. States that necessary transportation includes transportation in a private vehicle, bus, taxi, or other shared vehicle.</p>
4	<p>Appropriations.</p> <p>Appropriates an unspecified amount of money for additional PSEO pupil transportation costs.</p>



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