

Subject Special Education Revenue; Unreimbursed Costs

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Overview

Under Minnesota's school funding formulas, school districts and charter schools are generally funded based on the number of students served by each school district or charter school.

Special education services are funded primarily through state aid payments paid directly to the serving school district or charter school. However, state and federal special education revenue amounts are insufficient to cover all of a serving school's special education costs. Under Minnesota's special education formulas, charter schools and school districts charge back to the student's resident school district a portion of the unreimbursed special education costs. This amount is called the "tuition adjustment." For fiscal year 2020, 85 percent of the unreimbursed costs are billed back to the resident school district. For fiscal year 2021 and later, 80 percent of the unreimbursed special education costs are billed back to the resident district. For charter schools, the same tuition adjustments apply, except that the state pays 5 percent of the unreimbursed costs for fiscal year 2020, and 10 percent of the unreimbursed costs for fiscal years 2021 and later, so that 90 percent of a charter school's unreimbursed costs are funded.

H.F. 2930 creates an additional calculation and limits a charter school's eligible unreimbursed expenses by capping the rate of reimbursement at not more than the resident school district's rate for the same special education services.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Alternative attendance programs.</p> <p>Modifies the calculation of a charter school's unreimbursed special education costs by limiting the rate of those costs to not more than the resident school district's rate for those same special education services.</p>



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