

Subject Summer Programming

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### Overview

This bill primarily appropriates fiscal year 2021 money for additional educational programming for the 2020-2021 school year, 2021 summer education programs, Adult Basic Education (ABE), and school-linked mental health grants through the end of fiscal year 2022. The bill proposes approximately \$104 million of state funding for fiscal year 2021, with the majority going to grants. Each grant is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2022.

## Article 1: Education COVID Actions

This article increases school district declining enrollment revenue on a onetime basis, authorizes or requires certain services for students with disabilities, and appropriates money for grants.

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**1 Declining enrollment.**

Increases a school district or charter school's declining enrollment revenue by increasing the declining enrollment formula replacement percentage from 28 percent to 48.5 percent for fiscal year 2021 only. This increase has an aid entitlement cost of \$29 million. As with other general education aid appropriations, 90 percent of the aid entitlement (roughly \$26 million) is appropriated in fiscal year 2021 and 10 percent of the aid entitlement (roughly \$3 million) is appropriated in fiscal year 2022.

**2 Students with disabilities.**

**Subd. 1. Home visits.** Explicitly authorizes a school district to provide services required by an individualized education program to a student at the student's home and qualifies those services for funding in accordance with Minnesota's special education funding laws. Requires a district providing home visit services to negotiate the terms and conditions of employment with the union of the staff

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providing the services in accordance with the Public Employment Labor Relations Act.

**Subd. 2. Truancy.** Requires a school district to consider how a student's disability may affect the student's ability to engage in distance instruction when determining whether to refer a student for truancy programs and services or when reporting students for educational neglect. Encourages districts to connect families with county-based services, excluding truancy services.

**Subd. 3. Transition program.** Requires a school district to allow a student participating in a special education secondary transition program (transition programs are for students ages 18 to 21) who missed employment, in-person job training, or independent life skills training during the 2020-2021 school year to participate in those programs during the 2021-2022 school year, notwithstanding the student's age, if the student's individualized education program team determines participation would be appropriate.

**3 Appropriations; Department of Education.**

**Subd. 1. Department of Education.** Appropriates funds to the commissioner for programs and years designated in other subdivisions.

**Subd. 2. General education aid.** Appropriates an additional \$26 million in general education aid for additional declining pupil unit aid for fiscal year 2021.

**Subd. 3. Community partnerships.** Provides grants for summer mentoring or tutoring for students.

- Appropriation: \$5 million in fiscal year 2021
- Eligible recipients include: school districts, charter schools, intermediate school districts, and cooperative units
- Grant amounts: up to \$100,000 per recipient
- Use of funds: must be used to deliver mentoring and tutoring programs; may be used for contracting with organizations, transportation, meal reimbursement, and other listed uses
- Partners: recipients must partner with community businesses and organizations
- MDE Administration: up to two percent of appropriation

**Subd. 4. Expand access to tutoring.** Provides grants to expand access to tutoring and other wraparound services for children in kindergarten through grade 12 over the summer.

- Appropriation: \$3.25 million in fiscal year 2021

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- Eligible recipients include: school districts, charter schools, intermediate school districts, and cooperative units
- Grant amounts: up to \$200,000 per recipient
- Use of funds: may be used for mental health services and supports, summer learning programs, and certain other activities
- Partners: recipients may develop a partnership between a local district, charter school, nonpublic school, or an eligible entity that has experience serving youth (includes community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, institutions of higher education, nonpublic schools, Tribal Nations and other American Indian organizations, nonprofit agencies, and for-profit corporations)
- MDE Administration: up to two percent of appropriation

**Subd. 5. Expand mental health supports.** Provides grants to expand mental health and well-being supports to youth and adolescents attending summer learning programs.

- Appropriation: \$1 million in fiscal year 2021
- Eligible recipients: school districts and charter schools
- Use of funds: must be used for summer stipends and benefits to student support personnel
- Partners: recipients may partner with community organizations that work with youth to provide mental health and well-being supports
- MDE Administration: up to two percent of appropriation

**Subd. 6. Field trips and hands-on learning.** Provides grants for summer field trips for hands-on learning opportunities.

- Appropriation: \$10 million in fiscal year 2021
- Eligible recipients: school districts and charter schools
- Grant amount: based on estimated average daily membership and concentration of students who are eligible for free and reduced-price lunches or have been historically underserved
- Use of funds: must be used to provide field trip opportunities during the summer; may be used for transportation, educator costs and incentives, meal reimbursement, and entry or event fees
- MDE Administration: up to two percent of appropriation

**Subd. 7. Increase ABE program funding.** Adds \$10 million in fiscal year 2021 in funding for the ABE program. Up to two percent of the appropriation is available for grant administration by MDE.

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**Subd. 8. Neighborhood programs.** Provides grants for summer programs in neighborhoods and apartment buildings.

- Appropriation: \$5 million in fiscal year 2021
- Eligible recipients include: school districts, charter schools, intermediate school districts, and cooperative units
- Grant amount: up to \$100,000 per recipient
- Use of funds: may be used for transportation, academic enrichment programming, mental health services, other wraparound services, location rentals, and meal reimbursements
- Partners: recipients may collaborate or contract with community-based organizations, libraries, parks and recreation departments, tribes and tribal organizations, faith-based organizations, and other similar learning providers
- MDE Administration: up to two percent of appropriation

**Subd. 9. Summer preschool for four- and five-year-olds.** Provides grants for three- or four-star-rated preschool programs.

- Appropriation: \$20 million in fiscal year 2021
- Eligible recipients: three- or four-star rated private preschool, public preschool, or public prekindergarten in-person learning program that offers at least six instructional hours per day, for five days per week, for between ten and 12 weeks, and meets other requirements
- Grant amount: up to \$4,800 per student
- Use of funds: tuition, transportation, food service, and interpreter or multilingual student support costs; priority for students who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch and meet other eligibility categories
- MDE Administration: up to 0.5 percent of appropriation

**Subd. 10. Summer college for high school graduates.** Provides grants for summer programming for high school graduates at a public postsecondary institution in Minnesota.

- Appropriation: \$6 million in fiscal year 2021
- Eligible recipients: public institutions of higher education in Minnesota
- Grant amount: up to \$512 per course; if participation exceeds appropriation, reimbursement is prorated
- Use of funds: reimbursement to recipient for actual tuition cost of postsecondary credit-bearing or developmental courses completed by students during the summer of 2021

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- MDE Administration: up to two percent of appropriation

**Subd. 11. Full-service community schools.** Provides expedited grants for full-service community schools.

- Appropriation: \$2 million in fiscal year 2021
- Eligible recipients: school sites (commissioner must consider effect of COVID-19 on the community served by the school site)
- Use of funds: establishing full-service community schools during the 2021-2022 school year
- MDE Administration: up to \$50,0000

**Subd. 12. Math corps.** Provides \$3,000,000 to ServeMinnesota for additional math corps activities designed to remediate students' math deficiencies related to COVID-19.

**Subd. 13. Reading corps.** Provides \$2,000,000 to ServeMinnesota for additional reading corps activities designed to remediate students' literacy deficiencies related to COVID-19.

**Subd. 14. After-school community learning programs.** Provides \$5,000,000 to Ignite Afterschool for grants to eliminate students' learning loss related to COVID-19. Grant funds must be used for academic and enrichment activities in the 2020-2021 school year and the summer of 2021. Requires Ignite Afterschool to report to the commissioner of education on use of grant funds. Allows Ignite Afterschool to retain up to seven percent of the appropriation for technical assistance and professional development, and three percent to administer the grants.

**4 Appropriations; Department of Human Services.**

Appropriates \$6,011,000 in fiscal year 2021 to expand school-linked mental health grants. Funding will increase access to federal grants to provide additional outside one-on-one mental health supports to students. Requires \$1,000,000 of the appropriation to be used to provide mental health supports to teachers and other school staff, and \$35,000 for costs associated with amending existing contracts with grantees.

## **Article 2: Federal Funds**

This article requires the commissioner to report on the use of federal funds and replaces state aids approved in article 1 with federal aid if any available COVID-19-related federal funds become available for the purposes of the programs funded in article 1.

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**1 Report on use of federal funds.**

Requires the commissioner of education to report to the legislature on how federal funds received for COVID-19 for education purposes were used.

**2 Federal funds replacement; appropriation.**

Requires the commissioner of management and budget to determine whether the expenditures authorized under this act are eligible uses of federal funding under the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund or any other federal funds received under the American Rescue Plan. Requires the state to use the allowable federal funds to replace the state aid appropriated in article 1.



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