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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Education Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; increasing funding for English learner programming;  
1.3 adding English learner cross subsidy aid; appropriating money; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 124D.65, subdivision 5; 126C.10, subdivision  
1.5 4.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.65, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. **School district EL revenue.** (a) A district's English learner programs revenue  
1.9 equals the sum of:

1.10 (1) the product of ~~(1) \$704 times~~ (2) (i) \$1,000 and (ii) the greater of 20 or the adjusted  
1.11 average daily membership of eligible English learners enrolled in the district during the  
1.12 current fiscal year;

1.13 (2) \$250 times the English learner pupil units under section 126C.05, subdivision 17;

1.14 and

1.15 (3) the district's English learner cross subsidy aid. A district's English learner cross  
1.16 subsidy aid under paragraph (b) equals:

1.17 (i) 25 percent of the district's English learner cross subsidy for fiscal year 2024;

1.18 (ii) 50 percent of the district's English learner cross subsidy for fiscal year 2025;

1.19 (iii) 75 percent of the district's English learner cross subsidy for fiscal year 2026; and

1.20 (iv) 100 percent of the district's English learner cross subsidy for fiscal years 2027 and

1.21 later.

2.1 (b) A district's English learner cross subsidy aid equals the greater of zero or the difference  
 2.2 between the district's expenditure for qualifying English learner services for the second  
 2.3 previous year and the district's English learner revenue for the second previous year.

2.4 ~~(b)~~ (c) A pupil ceases to generate state English learner aid in the school year following  
 2.5 the school year in which the pupil attains the state cutoff score on a commissioner-provided  
 2.6 assessment that measures the pupil's emerging academic English.

2.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 126C.10, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.8 Subd. 4. **Basic skills revenue.** A school district's basic skills revenue equals the sum  
 2.9 of:

2.10 (1) compensatory revenue under subdivision 3; ~~plus~~ and

2.11 (2) English learner revenue under section 124D.65, subdivision 5; ~~plus~~

2.12 ~~(3) \$250 times the English learner pupil units under section 126C.05, subdivision 17.~~

2.13 Sec. 3. **ADDITIONAL GENERAL EDUCATION AID; ENGLISH LEARNER AID;**  
 2.14 **APPROPRIATION.**

2.15 \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the general  
 2.16 fund to the Department of Education for additional English learner general education aid.