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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; modifying general education revenue to include safe schools
1.3 aid for charter schools; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.20,
1.4 subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Revenue calculation.** (a) General education revenue must be paid to a
1.8 charter school as though it were a district. The general education revenue for each adjusted
1.9 pupil unit is the state average general education revenue per pupil unit, plus the referendum
1.10 equalization aid allowance and first tier local optional aid allowance in the pupil's district
1.11 of residence, minus an amount equal to the product of the formula allowance according to
1.12 section 126C.10, subdivision 2, times .0466, calculated without declining enrollment revenue,
1.13 local optional revenue, basic skills revenue, extended time revenue, pension adjustment
1.14 revenue, transition revenue, and transportation sparsity revenue, plus declining enrollment
1.15 revenue, basic skills revenue, pension adjustment revenue, and transition revenue as though
1.16 the school were a school district.

1.17 (b) For a charter school operating an extended day, extended week, or summer program,
1.18 the general education revenue in paragraph (a) is increased by an amount equal to 25 percent
1.19 of the statewide average extended time revenue per adjusted pupil unit.

1.20 (c) The safe schools aid for a charter school equals \$36 times the school's adjusted pupil
1.21 units for the school year and must be reserved and used for directly funding the purposes
1.22 as defined in section 126C.44, subdivision 4.

2.1 ~~(e)~~ (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the general education revenue for an eligible
2.2 special education charter school as defined in section 124E.21, subdivision 2, equals the
2.3 sum of the amount determined under paragraph (a) and the school's unreimbursed cost as
2.4 defined in section 124E.21, subdivision 2, for educating students not eligible for special
2.5 education services.