

## S.F. No. 1555 – Career Pathway Grant Program

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### Section 1. Online Learning Option.

**Subdivision 2. Definitions.** Defines “contracted career pathway online course” as an online learning course taken in place of a course period at a local district school that requires the same approval, is subject to the same procedures as a supplemental online learning course, and is focused on a career pathway.

**Subd. 3. Authorization Notice.** Prohibits an enrolling district from reducing the regular instructional membership of students participating in a contracted career pathway online course.

**Subd. 4. Online Learning Parameters.** Allows an online learning student to enroll in a contracted career pathway online course.

**Subd. 8. Financial Arrangements.** Requires the Department of Education to count a student enrolled in a contracted career pathway online course in the average daily membership of the enrolling district. Requires the enrolling district to pay the supplemental online provider according to the contract agreement for students participating in contracted career pathway online courses. Allows the supplemental online provider to reduce the amount a district pays for contracted career pathway online courses if the supplemental online provider received state aid for the same purpose.

**Effective Date.** Makes the section effective for the 2021-2022 school year and later.

**Section 2. Online Learning Aid.** Prohibits the department from providing online learning aid to a supplemental online provider for a student participating in a contracted career pathway online course. Requires all state aid attributable to a student in a contracted career pathway online course to be paid to the enrolling district.

**Effective Date.** Makes the section effective for the 2021-2022 school year and later.

**Section 3. Appropriation.** Appropriates \$100,000 in fiscal year 2022 from the general fund to the Department of Labor and Industry for a grant to the Minnesota Virtual Academy for a career pathway program with Operating Engineers Local 49. Makes the appropriation available until June 30, 2023.