

S.F. No. 627 – Safe Schools Revenue

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Section 1. Safe Schools Revenue.

Subdivision 1. Safe schools revenue. Increases safe schools revenue in fiscal year 2022 and later for a district to \$37 multiplied by the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year, and for a member of a cooperative to \$16 multiplied by the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

Subd. 2. Safe schools levy. (a) States that a district's safe schools levy for fiscal year 2022 is equal to \$36 multiplied by the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year, and a district's safe school levy for fiscal year 2023 and later is \$37 multiplied by the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year.

(b) Provides for equalization of the safe schools levy. States that for fiscal year 2023 and later, sets a district's maximum levy amount to be not more than the district's safe schools revenue multiplied by the lesser of the ratio of its adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit to the safe schools equalizing factor.

(c) Requires a school district that is a member of a cooperative unit to use its safe schools levy to pay for the safe schools activities listed in **subdivision 7**. For fiscal year 2022, states that a member of an intermediate district has the authority to levy up to \$15 multiplied by the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year. For fiscal year 2023 and later, states that a member of a cooperative unit, including an intermediate district, has the authority to levy up to \$16 multiplied by the district's adjusted pupil units for the school year. Requires that revenue raised under this paragraph be transferred to the cooperative unit.

Subd. 3. Safe schools aid. States that a district's safe schools aid is equal to its safe schools revenue minus its safe schools levy. Provides that aid must be in the same proportion as the actual amount the district levied to the permitted levy. For fiscal year 2022 only, specifies that safe schools aid for a cooperative unit, other than an intermediate school district, must be all aid. Requires that state aid under this subdivision for a cooperative unit be transferred to the cooperative unit.

Subd. 4. Safe schools aid for charter schools. States that a charter school’s safe schools aid for fiscal year 2022 and later is equal to \$37 multiplied by the district’s adjusted pupil units for the school year. Requires safe schools aid to be used to pay for the safe schools activities listed in **subdivision 7**.

Subd. 5. Safe schools aid for nonpublic schools. States that a nonpublic school’s safe schools aid for fiscal year 2022 and later is equal to \$37 multiplied by the enrollment number for the school year. Requires safe schools aid to be used to pay for the safe schools activities listed in **subdivision 7**. Defines “nonpublic schools.”

Subd. 6. Safe schools aid for American Indian tribal contract or grant schools. States that an American Indian tribal contract or grant school’s safe schools aid for fiscal year 2022 and later is equal to \$37 multiplied by the enrollment number for the school year. Requires safe schools aid to be used to pay for the safe schools activities listed in **subdivision 7**. Defines “American Indian tribal contract or grant school.”

Subd. 7. Uses of safe schools revenue. Updates the uses of safe schools revenue for fiscal year 2021 and later. Adds two new allowable uses: 1) school-linked mental health services delivered by telemedicine, and 2) costs for enhancing cybersecurity in the district’s information system.

Effective Date. Makes the section effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Appropriations. Includes a blank appropriation from the general fund to the Department of Education for fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023.