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S.F. No. 783 – Modifying Responsibilities of the Community Education Advisory Council; Modifying the Calculation and Uses of General Community Education Revenue

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Section 1. Advisory Council. Requires that each district’s community education advisory council create a system to receive and review feedback and input on the use of general community education revenue. Requires that each district’s community education advisory council make written recommendations to the community education director and to the school board on the use of general community education revenue.

Section 2. General Community Education Revenue. For fiscal year 2023 and later, increases the general community education revenue allowance from \$5.42 to \$5.97. [To calculate the total revenue, the allowance is multiplied by the greater of 1,337 or the population of the district.]

Section 3. Uses of General Revenue. Authorizes the use of community education revenue for other programs, such as those offered by non-school organizations. Requires that funds used for other programs be consistent with the purpose of community education programs. [As provided in section 124D.18, the purpose of community education programs is “to make maximum use of the public schools of Minnesota by the community and to expand utilization by the school of the human resources of the community.”]

Section 4. Appropriations. Provides a blank appropriation from the General Fund to the Department of Education for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for community education aid.