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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to education; providing for supplemental funding for prekindergarten

1.3through grade 12 education; modifying provisions for general education, education

1.4excellence, American Indian education, teachers, charter schools, special education,

1.5facilities, nutrition, libraries, early childhood education, and state agencies; making

1.6forecast adjustments; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota

1.7Statutes 2022, sections 120A.41; 122A.415, by adding a subdivision; 122A.73,

1.8subdivision 4; 124E.22; 126C.05, subdivision 15; 126C.10, subdivision 13a;

1.9Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 121A.642; 122A.415, subdivision

1.104; 122A.73, subdivisions 2, 3; 122A.77, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 123B.92, subdivision

1.1111; 124D.151, subdivision 6; 124D.65, subdivision 5; 124D.81, subdivision 2b;

1.12124D.901, subdivision 3; 124D.995, subdivision 3; 124E.13, subdivision 1;

1.13126C.10, subdivisions 2e, 3, 3c, 13; Laws 2023, chapter 18, section 4, subdivisions

1.142, as amended, 3, as amended; Laws 2023, chapter 54, section 20, subdivisions 6,

1.157, 9, 17, 24; Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 1, section 36, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5,

1.166, 7, 8, 9; article 2, section 64, subdivisions 2, 6, 14, 16, 21, 23, 26, 31; article 4,

1.17section 21, subdivisions 2, 5; article 5, sections 64, subdivisions 3, 5, 13, 14, 15,

1.1816; 65, subdivisions 3, 6; article 7, section 18, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 6, 7; article 8,

1.19section 19, subdivisions 3, 5, 6; article 9, section 18, subdivisions 4, 8; article 11,

1.20section 11, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 10; repealing Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 10,

1.21section 4.

1.22BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.23ARTICLE 1

1.24GENERAL EDUCATION

1.25Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120A.41, is amended to read:

1.26120A.41 LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR; HOURS OF INSTRUCTION.

1.27(a) A school board's annual school calendar must include at least 425 hours of instruction

1.28for a kindergarten student ~~without a disability~~, 935 hours of instruction for a student in

1.29grades 1 through 6, and 1,020 hours of instruction for a student in grades 7 through 12, not

including summer school. The school calendar for all-day kindergarten must include at least 850 hours of instruction for the school year. The school calendar for a prekindergarten student under section 124D.151, if offered by the district, must include at least 350 hours of instruction for the school year. A school board's annual calendar must include at least 165 days of instruction for a student in grades 1 through 11 unless a four-day week schedule has been approved by the commissioner under section 124D.126.

(b) A school board's annual school calendar may include plans for up to five days of instruction provided through online instruction due to inclement weather. The inclement weather plans must be developed according to section 120A.414.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 123B.92, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. **Area learning center transportation aid.** (a) A district or cooperative unit that provides transportation of pupils to and from an area learning center program established under section 123A.05 is eligible for state aid to reimburse the additional costs of transportation during the preceding fiscal year.

(b) A district or cooperative unit may apply to the commissioner of education for state aid to reimburse the costs of transporting pupils who are enrolled in an area learning center program established under section 123A.05 during the preceding fiscal year. The commissioner shall develop the form and manner of applications for state aid, the criteria to determine when transportation is necessary, and the accounting procedure to determine excess costs. In determining aid amounts, the commissioner shall consider other revenue received by the district or cooperative unit for transportation for area learning center purposes.

(c) The total aid entitlement for this section is \$1,000,000 each year. The commissioner must prorate aid if this amount is insufficient to reimburse ~~district~~ costs for a district or cooperative unit.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.65, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **School district EL revenue.** (a) For fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2026, a district's English learner programs revenue equals the sum of:

(1) the product of (i) \$1,228, and (ii) the greater of 20 or the adjusted average daily membership of eligible English learners enrolled in the district during the current fiscal year; and

(2) \$436 times the English learner pupil units under section 126C.05, subdivision 17.

(b) For fiscal year 2027 and later, a district's English learner programs revenue equals the sum of:

(1) the product of (i) \$1,775, and (ii) the greater of 20 or the adjusted average daily membership of eligible English learners enrolled in the district during the current fiscal year;

(2) \$630 times the English learner pupil units under section 126C.05, subdivision 17; and

(3) the district's English learner cross subsidy aid. A district's English learner cross subsidy aid ~~under paragraph (e)~~ equals 25 percent of the district's English learner cross subsidy under paragraph (c) for fiscal year 2027 and later.

(c) A district's English learner cross subsidy aid equals the greater of zero or the difference between the district's expenditures for qualifying English learner services for the second previous year and the district's English learner revenue for the second previous year. "Qualifying English learner services" means the services necessary to implement the Language Instruction Educational Program for students identified as English learners under sections 124D.58 to 124D.65. Only expenditures that both address the English language development standards in Minnesota Rules, parts 3501.1200 and 3501.1210, which may include home language instruction, and are supplemental to the cost of core content instruction may be included as expenditures for qualifying English learner services. Expenditures do not include costs related to construction, indirect costs, core content instruction, or core administrative personnel.

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

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.995, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Money appropriated.** (a) Subject to the availability of funds, money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of education to reimburse school districts; charter schools; intermediate school districts and cooperative units under section 123A.24, subdivision 2; the Perpich Center for Arts Education; and the Minnesota State Academies for costs associated with providing unemployment benefits to school employees under section 268.085, subdivision 7, paragraph (b).

(b) The Perpich Center for Arts Education and the Minnesota State Academies may only apply to the commissioner for reimbursement of unemployment insurance amounts in excess of the amounts specifically identified in their annual agency appropriations.

(c) If the amount in the account is insufficient, the commissioner must proportionately reduce the aid payment to each recipient. Aid payments must be paid ~~100~~ 90 percent in the current year and 10 percent in the following year.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 126C.05, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

Subd. 15. Learning year pupil units. (a) When a pupil is enrolled in a learning year program under section 124D.128, an area learning center or an alternative learning program approved by the commissioner under sections 123A.05 and 123A.06, or a contract alternative program under section 124D.68, subdivision 3, paragraph (d), or subdivision 4, for more than 1,020 hours in a school year for a secondary student, more than 935 hours in a school year for an elementary student, more than 850 hours in a school year for a kindergarten student ~~without a disability~~ in an all-day kindergarten program, or more than 425 hours in a school year for a half-day kindergarten student ~~without a disability~~, that pupil may be counted as more than one pupil in average daily membership for purposes of section 126C.10, subdivision 2a. The amount in excess of one pupil must be determined by the ratio of the number of hours of instruction provided to that pupil in excess of: (i) the greater of 1,020 hours or the number of hours required for a full-time secondary pupil in the district to 1,020 for a secondary pupil; (ii) the greater of 935 hours or the number of hours required for a full-time elementary pupil in the district to 935 for an elementary pupil in grades 1 through 6; and (iii) the greater of 850 hours or the number of hours required for a full-time kindergarten student ~~without a disability~~ in the district to 850 for a kindergarten student ~~without a disability~~. Hours that occur after the close of the instructional year in June shall be attributable to the following fiscal year. A student in kindergarten or grades 1 through 12 must not be counted as more than 1.2 pupils in average daily membership under this subdivision.

(b)(i) To receive general education revenue for a pupil in an area learning center or alternative learning program that has an independent study component, a district must meet the requirements in this paragraph. The district must develop, for the pupil, a continual learning plan consistent with section 124D.128, subdivision 3. Each school district that has an area learning center or alternative learning program must reserve revenue in an amount equal to at least 90 and not more than 100 percent of the district average general education revenue per pupil unit, minus an amount equal to the product of the formula allowance

according to section 126C.10, subdivision 2, times .0466, calculated without basic skills revenue, local optional revenue, and transportation sparsity revenue, times the number of pupil units generated by students attending an area learning center or alternative learning program. The amount of reserved revenue available under this subdivision may only be spent for program costs associated with the area learning center or alternative learning program. Basic skills revenue generated according to section 126C.10, subdivision 4, by pupils attending the eligible program must be allocated to the program.

(ii) General education revenue for a pupil in a state-approved alternative program without an independent study component must be prorated for a pupil participating for less than a full year, or its equivalent. The district must develop a continual learning plan for the pupil, consistent with section 124D.128, subdivision 3. Each school district that has an area learning center or alternative learning program must reserve revenue in an amount equal to at least 90 and not more than 100 percent of the district average general education revenue per pupil unit, minus an amount equal to the product of the formula allowance according to section 126C.10, subdivision 2, times .0466, calculated without basic skills revenue, local optional revenue, and transportation sparsity revenue, times the number of pupil units generated by students attending an area learning center or alternative learning program. The amount of reserved revenue available under this subdivision may only be spent for program costs associated with the area learning center or alternative learning program. Basic skills revenue generated according to section 126C.10, subdivision 4, by pupils attending the eligible program must be allocated to the program.

(iii) General education revenue for a pupil in a state-approved alternative program that has an independent study component must be paid for each hour of teacher contact time and each hour of independent study time completed toward a credit or graduation standards necessary for graduation. Average daily membership for a pupil shall equal the number of hours of teacher contact time and independent study time divided by 1,020.

(iv) For a state-approved alternative program having an independent study component, the commissioner shall require a description of the courses in the program, the kinds of independent study involved, the expected learning outcomes of the courses, and the means of measuring student performance against the expected outcomes.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 126C.10, subdivision 2e, is amended to read:

Subd. 2e. **Local optional revenue.** (a) Local optional revenue for a school district equals the sum of the district's first tier local optional revenue and second tier local optional revenue.

A district's first tier local optional revenue equals \$300 times the adjusted pupil units of the district for that school year. A district's second tier local optional revenue equals \$424 times the adjusted pupil units of the district for that school year.

(b) A district's local optional levy equals the sum of the first tier local optional levy and the second tier local optional levy.

(c) A district's first tier local optional levy equals the district's first tier local optional revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's referendum market value per resident pupil unit to \$880,000.

(d) For fiscal year 2023, a district's second tier local optional levy equals the district's second tier local optional revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's referendum market value per resident pupil unit to \$548,842. For fiscal year 2024, a district's second tier local optional levy equals the district's second tier local optional revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's referendum market value per resident pupil unit to \$510,000. For fiscal year 2025, a district's second tier local optional levy equals the district's second tier local optional revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's referendum market value per resident pupil unit to ~~\$587,244~~ \$626,450. For fiscal year 2026, a district's second tier local optional levy equals the district's second tier local optional revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's referendum market value per resident pupil unit to \$642,038. For fiscal year 2027 and later, a district's second tier local optional levy equals the district's second tier local optional revenue times the lesser of one or the ratio of the district's referendum market value per resident pupil unit to \$671,345.

(e) The local optional levy must be spread on referendum market value. A district may levy less than the permitted amount.

(f) A district's local optional aid equals its local optional revenue minus its local optional levy. If a district's actual levy for first or second tier local optional revenue is less than its maximum levy limit for that tier, its aid must be proportionately reduced.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 126C.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Compensatory education revenue.** (a) For fiscal year 2024, the compensatory education revenue for each building in the district equals the formula allowance minus \$839 times the compensation revenue pupil units computed according to section 126C.05, subdivision 3. A district's compensatory revenue equals the sum of its compensatory revenue for each building in the district and the amounts designated under Laws 2015, First Special

Session chapter 3, article 2, section 70, subdivision 8, for fiscal year 2017. Revenue shall be paid to the district and must be allocated according to section 126C.15, subdivision 2.

(b) For fiscal year 2025, compensatory revenue must be calculated under Laws 2023, chapter 18, section 3.

(c) For fiscal year 2026 and later, the compensatory education revenue for each building in the district equals its compensatory pupils multiplied by the building compensatory allowance. Revenue shall be paid to the district and must be allocated according to section 126C.15, subdivision 2.

(d) When the district contracting with an alternative program under section 124D.69 changes prior to the start of a school year, the compensatory revenue generated by pupils attending the program shall be paid to the district contracting with the alternative program for the current school year, and shall not be paid to the district contracting with the alternative program for the prior school year.

(e) When the fiscal agent district for an area learning center changes prior to the start of a school year, the compensatory revenue shall be paid to the fiscal agent district for the current school year, and shall not be paid to the fiscal agent district for the prior school year.

(f) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), for voluntary prekindergarten programs under section 124D.151, charter schools, and contracted alternative programs in the first year of operation, compensatory education revenue must be computed using data for the current fiscal year. If the voluntary prekindergarten program, charter school, or contracted alternative program begins operation after October 1, compensatory education revenue must be computed based on pupils enrolled on an alternate date determined by the commissioner, and the compensatory education revenue must be prorated based on the ratio of the number of days of student instruction to 170 days.

(g) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), for fiscal year 2026, if the calculation under paragraph ~~(d)~~ (c) results in statewide revenue of less than \$838,947,000, additional revenue must be provided to each building in a manner prescribed by the commissioner of education until total statewide revenue equals \$838,947,000.

(h) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), for fiscal year 2027, if the calculation under paragraph ~~(d)~~ (c) results in statewide revenue of less than \$857,152,000, additional revenue must be provided to each building in a manner prescribed by the commissioner of education until total statewide revenue equals \$857,152,000.

8.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 126C.10, subdivision 3c, is amended
8.2 to read:

8.3 Subd. 3c. **Statewide compensatory allowance.** (a) For fiscal year 2026, the statewide
8.4 compensatory allowance is \$6,734. For fiscal year 2027 and later, the statewide compensatory
8.5 allowance equals the statewide compensatory allowance in effect for the prior fiscal year
8.6 times the ratio of the formula allowance under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, for the current
8.7 fiscal year to the formula allowance under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, for the prior
8.8 fiscal year, rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

8.9 ~~(b) For fiscal year 2026 and later, the statewide compensatory allowance equals the~~
8.10 ~~statewide compensatory allowance in effect for the prior fiscal year times the ratio of the~~
8.11 ~~formula allowance under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, for the current fiscal year to the~~
8.12 ~~formula allowance under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, for the prior fiscal year, rounded~~
8.13 ~~to the nearest whole dollar.~~

8.14 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 126C.10, subdivision 13, is amended
8.15 to read:

8.16 Subd. 13. **Total operating capital revenue.** (a) Total operating capital revenue for a
8.17 district equals the sum of:

8.18 (1) \$79 times the adjusted pupil units for the school year;

8.19 (2) the product of \$109, the district's maintenance cost index, and its adjusted pupil units
8.20 for the school year plus the amount computed under paragraph (c); and

8.21 (3) \$2 times the adjusted pupil units of the school district for the school year for the
8.22 purposes of supplying menstrual products under subdivision 14, clause (26), and opiate
8.23 antagonists under subdivision 14, clause (27).

8.24 (b) The revenue under this subdivision must be placed in a reserved account in the
8.25 general fund and may only be used according to subdivision 14.

8.26 (c) The revenue under paragraph (a), clause (2), for a district that operates a program
8.27 under section 124D.128, is increased by an amount equal to \$31 times the number of adjusted
8.28 pupil units served at the site where the program is implemented.

8.29 (d) The revenue under paragraph (a), clause (3), is not subject to the operating capital
8.30 equalization levy formula in 126C.10, subdivision 13a.

9.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 126C.10, subdivision 13a, is amended to read:

9.2 Subd. 13a. **Operating capital levy.** To obtain operating capital revenue, a district may
 9.3 levy an amount not more than the product of its operating capital revenue for the fiscal year
 9.4 times the lesser of one or the ratio of its adjusted net tax capacity per adjusted pupil unit to
 9.5 the operating capital equalizing factor. The operating capital equalizing factor equals ~~\$23,902~~
 9.6 ~~for fiscal year 2020, \$23,885 for fiscal year 2021, and \$22,912 for fiscal year 2022 and later~~
 9.7 2024, \$23,138 for fiscal year 2025, and \$22,912 for fiscal year 2026 and later.

9.8 Sec. 11. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 1, section 36, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

9.9 Subd. 2. **General education aid.** (a) For general education aid under Minnesota Statutes,
 9.10 section 126C.13, subdivision 4:

9.11		8,093,493,000		
9.12	\$	<u>8,103,909,000</u>	.....	2024
9.13		8,229,982,000		
9.14	\$	<u>8,333,843,000</u>	.....	2025

9.15 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$707,254,000 for 2023 and ~~\$7,386,239,000~~
 9.16 \$7,396,655,000 for 2024.

9.17 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$771,521,000~~ \$771,421,000 for 2024 and
 9.18 ~~\$7,458,461,000~~ \$7,562,422,000 for 2025.

9.19 Sec. 12. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 1, section 36, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

9.20 Subd. 8. **One-room schoolhouse.** (a) ~~For a grant aid~~ For a grant aid to Independent School District No.
 9.21 690, Warroad, to operate the Angle Inlet School:

9.22	\$	65,000	.....	2024
9.23	\$	65,000	.....	2025

9.24 (b) This aid is 100 percent payable in the current year.

9.25 Sec. 13. **BASIC SKILLS REVENUE ACCOUNT TRANSFERS.**

9.26 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.15, subdivision 4, by June 30, 2025,
 9.27 school districts with a balance in their basic skills revenue account that is restricted for use
 9.28 on extended time programs must transfer those funds to an account that is restricted for
 9.29 basic skills revenue.

ARTICLE 2**EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 121A.642, is amended to read:

121A.642 PARAPROFESSIONAL TRAINING.

Subdivision 1. **Training required.** A school district ~~or~~, charter school, intermediate, other cooperative unit, Perpich Center for Arts Education, or the Minnesota State Academies must provide a minimum of eight hours of paid orientation or professional development annually to all paraprofessionals, Title I aides, and other instructional support staff. Six of the eight hours must be completed before the first instructional day of the school year or within 30 days of hire. The orientation or professional development must be relevant to the employee's occupation and may include collaboration time with classroom teachers and planning for the school year. For paraprofessionals who provide direct support to students, at least 50 percent of the professional development or orientation must be dedicated to meeting the requirements of this section. Professional development for paraprofessionals may also address the requirements of section 120B.363, subdivision 3. A school administrator must provide an annual certification of compliance with this requirement to the commissioner.

Subd. 2. **Reimbursement for paraprofessional training.** (a) Beginning in fiscal year 2025, the commissioner of education must reimburse school districts, charter schools, intermediate school districts and other cooperative units, the Perpich Center for Arts Education, and the Minnesota State Academies in the form and manner specified by the commissioner for paraprofessional training costs.

(b) The paraprofessional reimbursement equals the prior year compensation expenses associated with providing up to eight hours of paid orientation and professional development for each paraprofessional trained under subdivision 1. Compensation means the regular hourly wage as defined in applicable collective bargaining agreements, Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) taxes under United States Code, title 26, chapter 21, and employer contributions required under chapter 352, 353, 354, or 354A.

(c) The commissioner may establish procedures to ensure that any costs reimbursed under this section are excluded from other school revenue calculations.

Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 2, section 64, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Achievement and integration aid.** (a) For achievement and integration aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.862:

11.1 ~~83,330,000~~
 11.2 \$ 82,818,000 2024
 11.3 ~~84,232,000~~
 11.4 \$ 85,043,000 2025

11.5 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$8,172,000 for 2023 and ~~\$75,158,000~~ \$74,646,000
 11.6 for 2024.

11.7 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$8,350,000~~ \$8,294,000 for 2024 and ~~\$75,882,000~~
 11.8 \$76,749,000 for 2025.

11.9 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 2, section 64, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

11.10 Subd. 6. **Charter school building lease aid.** (a) For building lease aid under Minnesota
 11.11 Statutes, section 124E.22:

11.12 ~~94,320,000~~
 11.13 \$ 91,457,000 2024
 11.14 ~~98,166,000~~
 11.15 \$ 94,906,000 2025

11.16 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$9,047,000 for 2023 and ~~\$85,273,000~~ \$82,410,000
 11.17 for 2024.

11.18 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$9,474,000~~ \$9,156,000 for 2024 and ~~\$88,692,000~~
 11.19 \$85,750,000 for 2025.

11.20 Sec. 4. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 2, section 64, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

11.21 Subd. 14. **Ethnic studies school grants.** (a) For competitive grants to school districts
 11.22 and charter schools to develop, evaluate, and implement ethnic studies courses:

11.23 \$ 700,000 2024
 11.24 \$ 700,000 2025

11.25 (b) The commissioner must consult with the Ethnic Studies Working Group to develop
 11.26 criteria for the grants.

11.27 (c) Up to five percent of the appropriation is available for grant administration.

11.28 (d) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

11.29 Sec. 5. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 2, section 64, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

11.30 Subd. 16. **Full-service community schools.** (a) For grants to plan or expand the
 11.31 full-service community schools program under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.231:

12.1 \$ 7,500,000 2024

12.2 \$ 7,500,000 2025

12.3 (b) Of this amount, priority must be given to programs in the following order:

12.4 (1) current grant recipients issued under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.231;

12.5 (2) schools identified as low-performing under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act;

12.6 and

12.7 (3) any other applicants.

12.8 (c) Up to two percent of the appropriation is available for grant administration.

12.9 (d) The base for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$5,000,000.

12.10 (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

12.11 Sec. 6. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 2, section 64, subdivision 26, is amended to read:

12.12 Subd. 26. **Minnesota Council on Economic Education.** (a) For a grant to the Minnesota
12.13 Council on Economic Education:

12.14 \$ 200,000 2024

12.15 \$ 200,000 2025

12.16 (b) The grant must be used to:

12.17 (1) provide professional development to kindergarten through grade 12 teachers

12.18 implementing state graduation standards in learning areas related to economic education;

12.19 and

12.20 (2) support the direct-to-student ancillary economic and personal finance programs that

12.21 teachers supervise and coach.

12.22 (c) By February 15 of each year following the receipt of a grant, the Minnesota Council
12.23 on Economic Education must report to the commissioner of education the number and type
12.24 of in-person and online teacher professional development opportunities provided by the
12.25 Minnesota Council on Economic Education or its affiliated state centers. The report must
12.26 include a description of the content, length, and location of the programs; the number of
12.27 preservice and licensed teachers receiving professional development through each of these
12.28 opportunities; and summaries of evaluations of teacher professional opportunities.

12.29 (d) ~~The Department of Education must pay the full amount of the grant to the Minnesota~~
12.30 ~~Council on Economic Education by August 15 of each fiscal year for which the grant is~~
12.31 ~~appropriated.~~ The Minnesota Council on Economic Education must submit its fiscal reporting

13.1 in the form and manner specified by the commissioner. The commissioner may request
13.2 additional information as necessary.

13.3 (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

13.4 (f) The base for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$0.

13.5 Sec. 7. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 2, section 64, subdivision 31, is amended to read:

13.6 Subd. 31. **Nonexclusionary discipline.** (a) For grants to school districts and charter
13.7 schools to provide training for school staff on nonexclusionary disciplinary practices:

13.8 \$ 1,750,000 2024

13.9 \$ 1,750,000 2025

13.10 (b) Grants are to develop training and to work with schools to train staff on
13.11 nonexclusionary disciplinary practices that maintain the respect, trust, and attention of
13.12 students and help keep students in classrooms. These funds may also be used for grant
13.13 administration.

13.14 (c) Eligible grantees include school districts, charter schools, intermediate school districts,
13.15 and cooperative units as defined in section 123A.24, subdivision 2.

13.16 (d) Up to five percent of the appropriation is available for grant administration.

13.17 (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

13.18 ARTICLE 3

13.19 AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION

13.20 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.81, subdivision 2b, is
13.21 amended to read:

13.22 Subd. 2b. **Carry forward of funds.** Notwithstanding section 16A.28, if a school district
13.23 or Tribal contract school does not expend the full amount of the American Indian education
13.24 aid in accordance with the plan in the designated fiscal year, the school district or Tribal
13.25 contract school may carry forward and expend up to half of the remaining funds in the ~~first~~
13.26 ~~six months of the~~ following fiscal year, and is not subject to an aid reduction if:

13.27 (1) the district is otherwise following the plan submitted and approved under subdivision
13.28 2;

(2) the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee for the school is aware of and has approved the carry forward and has concurred with the district's educational offerings extended to American Indian students under section 124D.78;

(3) the funds carried over are used in accordance with section 124D.74, subdivision 1; and

(4) by April 1, the district reports to the Department of Education American Indian education director the reason the aid was not expended in the designated fiscal year, and describes how the district intends to expend the funds in the following fiscal year. The district must report this information in the form and manner determined by the commissioner.

ARTICLE 4

TEACHERS

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 122A.415, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Basic alternative teacher compensation aid. (a) The basic alternative teacher compensation aid for a school with a plan approved under section 122A.414, subdivision 2b, equals 65 percent of the alternative teacher compensation revenue under subdivision 1. The basic alternative teacher compensation aid for a charter school with a plan approved under section 122A.414, subdivisions 2a and 2b, equals \$260 times the number of pupils enrolled in the school on October 1 of the previous year, or on October 1 of the current year for a charter school in the first year of operation, times the ratio of the sum of the alternative teacher compensation aid and alternative teacher compensation levy for all participating school districts to the maximum alternative teacher compensation revenue for those districts under subdivision 1.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and subdivision 1, the state total basic alternative teacher compensation aid entitlement must not exceed \$88,118,000 for fiscal year 2023; \$88,461,000 for fiscal year 2024; ~~\$88,461,000~~ \$88,961,000 for fiscal year 2025; and \$89,486,000 for fiscal year 2026 and later. The commissioner must limit the amount of alternative teacher compensation aid approved under this section so as not to exceed these limits by not approving new participants or by prorating the aid among participating districts, intermediate school districts, school sites, and charter schools. The commissioner may also reallocate a portion of the allowable aid for the biennium from the second year to the first year to meet the needs of approved participants.

15.1 (c) Basic alternative teacher compensation aid for an intermediate district or other
15.2 cooperative unit equals \$3,000 times the number of licensed teachers employed by the
15.3 intermediate district or cooperative unit on October 1 of the previous school year.

15.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 122A.415, is amended by adding a subdivision
15.5 to read:

15.6 Subd. 7. **Revenue reserved.** Revenue received under this section must be reserved and
15.7 used only for the programs authorized under section 122A.414.

15.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 122A.73, subdivision 2, is amended
15.9 to read:

15.10 Subd. 2. **Grow Your Own district programs.** (a) A school district, charter school,
15.11 Tribal contract school, or cooperative unit under section 123A.24, subdivision 2, may apply
15.12 for a grant for a teacher preparation program that meets the requirements of paragraph (c)
15.13 to establish a Grow Your Own pathway for adults to obtain their first professional teaching
15.14 license. The grant recipient must use at least 80 percent of grant funds to provide tuition
15.15 scholarships or stipends to enable school district employees or community members affiliated
15.16 with a school district, who are of color or American Indian and who seek a teaching license,
15.17 to participate in the teacher preparation program. Grant funds may also be used to pay for
15.18 teacher licensure exams and licensure fees.

15.19 (b) A district using grant funds under this subdivision to provide financial support to
15.20 teacher candidates may require a commitment as determined by the district to teach in the
15.21 district for a reasonable amount of time that does not exceed five years.

15.22 (c) A grantee must partner with:

15.23 (1) a Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board-approved teacher preparation
15.24 program;

15.25 (2) a Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation-accredited teacher preparation
15.26 program from a private, not for profit, institution of higher education; or

15.27 (3) an institution that has an articulated transfer pathway with a board-approved teacher
15.28 preparation program.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 122A.73, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Grants for programs serving secondary school students. (a) A school district or charter school may apply for grants under this section to offer other innovative programs that encourage secondary school students, especially students of color and American Indian students, to pursue teaching. To be eligible for a grant under this subdivision, an applicant must ensure that the aggregate percentage of secondary school students of color and American Indian students participating in the program is equal to or greater than the aggregate percentage of students of color and American Indian students in the school district, charter school, Tribal contract school, or cooperative unit.

(b) A grant recipient must use grant funds awarded under this subdivision for:

(1) supporting future teacher clubs or service-learning opportunities that provide middle and high school students with experiential learning that supports the success of younger students or peers and increases students' interest in pursuing a teaching career;

(2) developing and offering postsecondary enrollment options for "Introduction to Teaching" or "Introduction to Education" courses consistent with section 124D.09, subdivision 10, that meet degree requirements for teacher licensure;

(3) providing direct support, including wrap-around services, for students who are of color or American Indian to enroll and be successful in postsecondary enrollment options courses under section 124D.09 that would meet degree requirements for teacher licensure; or

(4) offering scholarships to graduating high school students who are of color or American Indian to enroll in board-approved undergraduate teacher preparation programs at a college or university in Minnesota or in an institution that has an articulated transfer pathway with a board-approved teacher preparation program.

(c) The maximum grant award under this subdivision is \$500,000. The commissioner may consider the number of participants a grant recipient intends to support when determining a grant amount.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 122A.73, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Grant procedure. (a) A district must apply for a grant under this section in the form and manner specified by the commissioner. The commissioner must give priority to districts with the highest total number or percentage of students who are of color or American Indian. To the extent that there are sufficient applications, the commissioner must,

17.1 to the extent practicable, award an equal number of grants between districts in greater
17.2 Minnesota and those in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

17.3 (b) For the 2022-2023 school year and later, grant applications for new and existing
17.4 programs must be received by the commissioner no later than January 15 of the year prior
17.5 to the school year in which the grant will be used. The commissioner must review all
17.6 applications and notify grant recipients by March 15 or as soon as practicable of the
17.7 anticipated amount awarded. If the commissioner determines that sufficient funding is
17.8 unavailable for the grants, the commissioner must notify grant applicants by June 30 or as
17.9 soon as practicable that there are insufficient funds.

17.10 (c) For the 2021-2022 school year, the commissioner must set a timetable for awarding
17.11 grants as soon as practicable.

17.12 (d) The commissioner may allow existing grantees to revise their grant agreements to
17.13 operate under the specifications provided in this section even if the revised specifications
17.14 differ from the specifications in place at the time of the original grant agreement.

17.15 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 122A.77, subdivision 1, is amended
17.16 to read:

17.17 Subdivision 1. **Grant program established.** The commissioner of education must
17.18 administer a grant program to develop a pipeline of trained, licensed Tier 3 or Tier 4 special
17.19 education teachers. A school district, charter school, Tribal contract school, or cooperative
17.20 unit under section 123A.24, subdivision 2, may apply for a grant under this section. An
17.21 applicant must partner with:

17.22 (1) a Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board-approved teacher preparation
17.23 program;

17.24 (2) a Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation-accredited teacher preparation
17.25 program from a private, not-for-profit, institution of higher education; or

17.26 (3) an institution that has an articulated transfer pathway with a board-approved teacher
17.27 preparation program.

17.28 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 122A.77, subdivision 2, is amended
17.29 to read:

17.30 Subd. 2. **Grant uses.** (a) A grant recipient must use grant funds to support participants
17.31 who are employed by the grant recipient ~~as either a paraprofessional or other unlicensed~~
17.32 ~~staff, or a teacher with a Tier 1 or Tier 2 license~~ or are community members affiliated with

18.1 the grant recipient, and who demonstrate a willingness to be a special education teacher
18.2 after completing the program.

18.3 (b) A grant recipient may use grant funds for:

18.4 (1) tuition assistance or stipends for participants;

18.5 (2) supports for participants, including mentoring, licensure test preparation, and
18.6 technology support; or

18.7 (3) participant recruitment.

18.8 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 122A.77, subdivision 3, is amended
18.9 to read:

18.10 Subd. 3. **Grant procedure.** (a) Applicants must apply for a grant under this section in
18.11 the form and manner specified by the commissioner.

18.12 (b) In awarding grants, the commissioner must prioritize funding for training to allow
18.13 participants holding a Tier 1 or Tier 2 special education license to obtain a Tier 3 special
18.14 education license.

18.15 (c) To the extent that there are sufficient applications, the commissioner must, to the
18.16 extent practicable, award an equal number of grants between applicants in greater Minnesota
18.17 and applicants in the metropolitan area.

18.18 (d) The commissioner may allow existing grantees to revise their grant agreements to
18.19 operate under the specifications provided in this section even if the revised specifications
18.20 differ from the specifications in place at the time of the original grant agreement.

18.21 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.901, subdivision 3, is amended
18.22 to read:

18.23 Subd. 3. **Student support personnel aid.** (a) The initial student support personnel aid
18.24 for a school district equals the greater of the student support personnel allowance times the
18.25 adjusted pupil units at the district for the current fiscal year or \$40,000. The initial student
18.26 support personnel aid for a charter school equals the greater of the student support personnel
18.27 allowance times the adjusted pupil units at the charter school for the current fiscal year or
18.28 \$20,000. Aid under this paragraph must be reserved in a fund balance which may not exceed
18.29 the prior year's aid allocation.

18.30 (b) The cooperative student support personnel aid for a school district that is a member
18.31 of an intermediate school district or other cooperative unit that serves students equals the

greater of the cooperative student support allowance times the adjusted pupil units at the district for the current fiscal year or \$40,000. If a district is a member of more than one cooperative unit that serves students, the revenue must be allocated among the cooperative units. Aid under this paragraph must not exceed actual expenditures.

(c) The student support personnel allowance equals \$11.94 for fiscal year 2024, \$17.08 for fiscal year 2025, and \$48.73 for fiscal year 2026 and later.

(d) The cooperative student support allowance equals \$0.60 for fiscal year 2024, \$0.85 for fiscal year 2025, and \$2.44 for fiscal year 2026 and later.

~~(e) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), the student support personnel aid must not exceed the district's, charter school's, or cooperative unit's actual expenditures.~~

Sec. 10. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 5, section 64, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Alternative teacher compensation aid.** (a) For alternative teacher compensation aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.415, subdivision 4:

	88,443,000		
\$	<u>88,706,000</u>	.....	2024
	88,430,000		
\$	<u>89,012,000</u>	.....	2025

(b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$8,824,000 for fiscal year 2023 and ~~\$79,619,000~~ \$79,882,000 for fiscal year 2024.

(c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$8,846,000~~ \$8,875,000 for fiscal year 2024 and ~~\$79,584,000~~ \$80,137,000 for fiscal year 2025.

Sec. 11. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 5, section 64, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Closing educational opportunity gaps grants.** (a) To support schools in their efforts to close opportunity gaps under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.113:

\$	3,000,000	.....	2024
\$	3,000,000	.....	2025

(b) The department may retain up to five percent of this appropriation to administer the grant program.

(c) The base for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$0.

(d) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

20.1 Sec. 12. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 5, section 64, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

20.2 Subd. 13. **Statewide teacher mentoring program.** (a) For a statewide teacher induction
20.3 and mentoring program:

20.4 \$ 9,940,000 2024

20.5 \$ 0 2025

20.6 (b) Funds may be used for:

20.7 (1) competitive grants to Minnesota regional partners, including institutions of higher
20.8 education, regional service cooperatives, other district or charter collaboratives, and
20.9 professional organizations, to provide mentoring supports for new teachers, on-the-ground
20.10 training, technical assistance, and networks or communities of practice for local new teachers,
20.11 districts, and charter schools to implement Minnesota's induction model;

20.12 (2) competitive grants to school districts to fund ~~Teacher of Record~~ mentorships to Tier
20.13 1 and Tier 2 special education teachers, including training and supervision; and

20.14 (3) contracts with national content experts and research collaboratives to assist in
20.15 developing Minnesota's induction model, to provide ongoing training to mentors and
20.16 principals, and to evaluate the program over time.

20.17 (c) Up to five percent of the appropriation is available for grant administration.

20.18 (d) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

20.19 Sec. 13. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 5, section 64, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

20.20 Subd. 15. **Student support personnel workforce pipeline.** (a) For a grant program to
20.21 develop a student support personnel workforce pipeline focused on increasing school
20.22 psychologists, school nurses, school counselors, and school social workers of color and
20.23 Indigenous providers, professional respecialization, recruitment, and retention:

20.24 \$ 5,000,000 2024

20.25 \$ 5,000,000 2025

20.26 (b) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$150,000 is for providing support to school nurses
20.27 across the state.

20.28 (c) To the extent practicable, the pipeline grants must be used to support equal numbers
20.29 of students pursuing careers as school psychologists, school nurses, school counselors, and
20.30 school social workers.

21.1 (d) For grants awarded under this subdivision to school psychologists, the following
21.2 terms have the meanings given:

21.3 (1) "eligible designated trainee" means an individual enrolled in a NASP-approved or
21.4 APA-accredited school psychology program granting educational specialist certificates or
21.5 doctoral degrees in school psychology;

21.6 (2) "practica" means an educational experience administered and evaluated by the
21.7 graduate training program, with university and site supervision by appropriately credentialed
21.8 school psychologists, to develop trainees' competencies to provide school psychological
21.9 services based on the graduate program's goals and competencies relative to accreditation
21.10 and licensure requirements; and

21.11 (3) "eligible employment" means a paid position within a school or local education
21.12 agency directly related to the training program providing direct or indirect school psychology
21.13 services. Direct services include assessment, intervention, prevention, or consultation services
21.14 to students or their family members and educational staff. Indirect services include
21.15 supervision, research and evaluation, administration, program development, technical
21.16 assistance, or professional learning to support direct services.

21.17 (e) Grants awarded to school psychologists must be used for:

21.18 (1) the provision of paid, supervised, and educationally meaningful practica in a public
21.19 school setting for an eligible designated trainee enrolled in a qualifying program within the
21.20 grantee's institution;

21.21 (2) to support student recruitment and retention to enroll and hire an eligible designated
21.22 trainee for paid practica in public school settings; and

21.23 (3) oversight of trainee practica and professional development by the qualifying institution
21.24 to ensure the qualifications and conduct by an eligible designated trainee meet requirements
21.25 set forth by the state and accrediting agencies.

21.26 (f) Upon successful completion of the graduate training program, grants awarded to
21.27 school psychologists must maintain eligible employment within Minnesota for a minimum
21.28 period of one-year full-time equivalent for each academic year of paid traineeship under
21.29 the grant program.

21.30 (g) Up to \$150,000 of the appropriation is available for grant administration.

21.31 (h) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

22.1 Sec. 14. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 5, section 64, subdivision 16, is amended to read:

22.2 Subd. 16. **Teacher residency program.** (a) For the teacher residency program that meets
22.3 the requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 8705.2100, subpart 2, item D, subitem (5), unit
22.4 (g):

22.5 \$ 3,000,000 2024

22.6 \$ 3,000,000 2025

22.7 (b) Up to three percent of the appropriation is available for grant administration.

22.8 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the ~~following fiscal~~
22.9 second year.

22.10 Sec. 15. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 5, section 65, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

22.11 Subd. 3. **Collaborative urban and greater Minnesota educators of color grants.** (a)
22.12 For collaborative urban and greater Minnesota educators of color competitive grants under
22.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.635:

22.14 \$ 5,440,000 2024

22.15 \$ 5,440,000 2025

22.16 (b) The board may retain up to \$100,000 of the appropriation amount to monitor and
22.17 administer the grant program.

22.18 (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the ~~following fiscal~~
22.19 second year.

22.20 Sec. 16. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 5, section 65, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

22.21 Subd. 6. **Mentoring, induction, and retention incentive program grants for teachers**
22.22 **of color.** (a) To develop and expand mentoring, induction, and retention programs designed
22.23 for teachers of color or American Indian teachers under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.70:

22.24 \$ 3,500,000 2024

22.25 \$ 3,500,000 2025

22.26 (b) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the ~~following fiscal~~
22.27 second year.

22.28 (c) The base for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.70, for fiscal year 2026
22.29 and later is \$4,500,000, of which at least \$3,500,000 each fiscal year is for grants to develop
22.30 and expand mentoring, induction, and retention programs designed for teachers of color or
22.31 American Indian teachers.

23.1 (d) The board may retain up to three percent of the appropriation amount to monitor and
23.2 administer the grant program.

23.3 **ARTICLE 5**
23.4 **CHARTER SCHOOLS**

23.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124E.13, subdivision 1, is amended
23.6 to read:

23.7 Subdivision 1. **Leased space.** A charter school may lease space from: an independent
23.8 or special school board; other public organization; private, nonprofit, nonsectarian
23.9 organization; private property owner; or a sectarian organization if the leased space is
23.10 constructed as a school facility. In all cases, the eligible lessor must also be the building
23.11 owner. The commissioner must review and approve or disapprove ~~leases~~ lease aid
23.12 applications in a timely manner to determine eligibility for lease aid under section 124E.22.

23.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124E.22, is amended to read:

23.14 **124E.22 BUILDING LEASE AID.**

23.15 (a) When a charter school finds it economically advantageous to rent or lease a building
23.16 or land for any instructional purpose and it determines that the total operating capital revenue
23.17 under section 126C.10, subdivision 13, is insufficient for this purpose, it may apply to the
23.18 commissioner for building lease aid in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner.
23.19 The commissioner must review and either approve or deny a lease aid application using at
23.20 least the following criteria:

23.21 (1) the reasonableness of the price based on current market values;

23.22 (2) the extent to which the lease conforms to applicable state laws and rules; and

23.23 (3) the appropriateness of the proposed lease in the context of the space needs and
23.24 financial circumstances of the charter school. The commissioner must approve aid only for
23.25 a facility lease that has (i) a sum certain annual cost and (ii) a closure clause to relieve the
23.26 charter school of its lease obligations at the time the charter contract is terminated or not
23.27 renewed. The closure clause under item (ii) must not be constructed or construed to relieve
23.28 the charter school of its lease obligations in effect before the charter contract is terminated
23.29 or not renewed.

23.30 (b) A charter school must not use the building lease aid it receives for custodial,
23.31 maintenance service, utility, or other operating costs.

(c) The amount of annual building lease aid for a charter school shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 90 percent of the approved cost or (2) the product of the charter school building lease aid pupil units served for the current school year times \$1,314.

(d) A charter school's building lease aid pupil units equals the sum of the charter school pupil units under section 126C.05 and the pupil units for the portion of the day that the charter school's enrolled students are participating in the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act under section 124D.09 and not otherwise included in the pupil count under section 126C.05.

ARTICLE 6

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 7, section 18, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Special education; regular.** (a) For special education aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.75:

	2,271,000,000	
\$	<u>2,288,826,000</u>	..... 2024

	2,434,933,000	
\$	<u>2,486,181,000</u>	..... 2025

(b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$229,860,000 for 2023 and ~~\$2,041,140,000~~ \$2,058,966,000 for 2024.

(c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$287,333,000~~ \$289,842,000 for 2024 and ~~\$2,147,600,000~~ \$2,196,339,000 for 2025.

ARTICLE 7

SCHOOL FACILITIES

Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 8, section 19, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Grants for gender-neutral single-user restrooms.** (a) For grants to school districts for remodeling, constructing, or repurposing space for gender-neutral single-user restrooms:

\$	1,000,000 2024
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\$	1,000,000 2025
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(b) A school district or a cooperative unit under Minnesota Statutes, section 123A.24, subdivision 2, may apply for a grant of not more than \$75,000 per site under this subdivision in the form and manner specified by the commissioner. The commissioner must award at

25.1 least one grant under this subdivision to Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, for
25.2 a demonstration grant for a project awaiting construction.

25.3 (c) The commissioner must ensure that grants are awarded to schools to reflect the
25.4 geographic diversity of the state.

25.5 (d) Up to \$75,000 each year is available for grant administration and monitoring.

25.6 (e) By February 1 of each year, the commissioner must annually report to the committees
25.7 of the legislature with jurisdiction over education on the number of grants that were awarded
25.8 each year and the number of grant applications that were unfunded during that year.

25.9 (f) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

25.10 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 8, section 19, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

25.11 Subd. 6. **Long-term facilities maintenance equalized aid.** (a) For long-term facilities
25.12 maintenance equalized aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.595, subdivision 9:

25.13		108,045,000		
25.14	\$	<u>107,905,000</u>	.....	2024
25.15		107,894,000		
25.16	\$	<u>107,865,000</u>	.....	2025

25.17 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$10,821,000 for 2023 and ~~\$97,224,000~~ \$97,084,000
25.18 for 2024.

25.19 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$10,803,000~~ \$10,787,000 for 2024 and ~~\$97,091,000~~
25.20 \$97,078,000 for 2025.

25.21 **ARTICLE 8**
25.22 **SCHOOL NUTRITION AND LIBRARIES**

25.23 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 18, section 4, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 2023,
25.24 chapter 55, article 9, section 16, is amended to read:

25.25 Subd. 2. **School lunch.** For school lunch aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.111,
25.26 including the amounts for the free school meals program:

25.27		190,897,000		
25.28	\$	<u>218,801,000</u>	.....	2024
25.29		197,936,000		
25.30	\$	<u>239,686,000</u>	.....	2025

26.1 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 18, section 4, subdivision 3, as amended by Laws 2023, chapter
26.2 55, article 9, section 17, is amended to read:

26.3 Subd. 3. **School breakfast.** For school breakfast aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
26.4 124D.1158:

26.5		25,912,000		
26.6	\$	<u>44,178,000</u>	.....	2024
26.7		26,719,000		
26.8	\$	<u>48,747,000</u>	.....	2025

26.9 ARTICLE 9

26.10 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

26.11 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.151, subdivision 6, is
26.12 amended to read:

26.13 Subd. 6. **Participation limits.** (a) Notwithstanding section 126C.05, subdivision 1,
26.14 paragraph (c), the pupil units for a voluntary prekindergarten program for an eligible school
26.15 district or charter school must not exceed 60 percent of the kindergarten pupil units for that
26.16 school district or charter school under section 126C.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (d).

26.17 (b) In reviewing applications under subdivision 5, the commissioner must limit the total
26.18 number of participants in the voluntary prekindergarten and school readiness plus programs
26.19 under Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 9, to not more than 7,160
26.20 participants for fiscal ~~years 2023, year~~ 2024, ~~and 2025~~, and 12,360 participants for fiscal
26.21 year ~~2026~~ 2025 and later.

26.22 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 54, section 20, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

26.23 Subd. 6. **Head Start program.** (a) For Head Start programs under Minnesota Statutes,
26.24 section 119A.52:

26.25	\$	35,100,000	.....	2024
26.26	\$	35,100,000	.....	2025

26.27 (b) Up to two percent of the appropriation is available for administration.

26.28 ~~(b)~~ (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

26.29 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 54, section 20, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

26.30 Subd. 24. **Early childhood curriculum grants.** (a) For competitive grants to Minnesota
26.31 postsecondary institutions to improve the curricula of the recipient institution's early

27.1 childhood education programs by incorporating or conforming to the Minnesota knowledge
27.2 and competency frameworks for early childhood professionals:

27.3 \$ 250,000 2024

27.4 \$ 250,000 2025

(b) By December 1, 2024, and again by December 1, 2025, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over early childhood through grade 12 education and higher education finance and policy reporting on grants awarded under this subdivision. The report must include the following information for the previous fiscal year:

27.10 (1) the number of grant applications received;

27.11 (2) the criteria applied by the commissioner for evaluating applications;

27.12 (3) the number of grants awarded, grant recipients, and amounts awarded;

27.13 (4) early childhood education curricular reforms proposed by each recipient institution;

27.14 (5) grant outcomes for each recipient institution; and

27.15 (6) other information identified by the commissioner as outcome indicators.

27.16 (c) The commissioner may use no more than three percent of the appropriation under
27.17 this subdivision to administer the grant program.

27.18 (d) This is a onetime appropriation.

27.19 (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

27.20 **Sec. 4. REPEALER.**

27.21 Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 10, section 4, is repealed.

27.22 **ARTICLE 10**

27.23 **STATE AGENCIES**

27.24 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSING AND
27.25 STANDARDS BOARD.

27.26 Subdivision 1. Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board. The sum
27.27 indicated in this section is appropriated from the general fund to the Professional Educator
27.28 Licensing and Standards Board in the fiscal year designated.

28.1 Subd. 2. Information technology costs. (a) For information technology costs of the

28.2 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board:

28.3 \$ 2,767,000 2025

28.4 (b) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

ARTICLE 11

FORECAST ADJUSTMENTS

A. GENERAL EDUCATION

28.8 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 1, section 36, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

28.9 Subd. 3. **Enrollment options transportation.** For transportation of pupils attending
28.10 postsecondary institutions under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, or for transportation
28.11 of pupils attending nonresident districts under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03:

28.12		18,000	
28.13	\$	23,000	..... 2024

28.14		19,000	
28.15	\$	25,000	..... 2025

28.16 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 1, section 36, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

28.17 Subd. 4. **Abatement aid.** (a) For abatement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
28.18 127A.49:

28.19		2,339,000	
28.20	\$	2,318,000	..... 2024

28.21		2,665,000	
28.22	\$	2,516,000	..... 2025

28.23 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$126,000 for 2023 and ~~\$2,213,000~~ \$2,192,000 for

28.24 2024.

28.25 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$245,000~~ \$243,000 for 2024 and ~~\$2,420,000~~
28.26 ~~\$2,273,000~~ for 2025.

28.27 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 1, section 36, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

28.28 Subd. 5. **Consolidation transition aid.** (a) For districts consolidating under Minnesota
28.29 Statutes, section 123A.485:

29.1 ~~187,000~~
29.2 \$ 7,000 2024
29.3 ~~290,000~~
29.4 \$ 180,000 2025

29.5 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$7,000 for 2023 and ~~\$180,000~~ \$0 for 2024.

29.6 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$20,000~~ \$0 for 2024 and ~~\$270,000~~ \$180,000 for
29.7 2025.

29.8 Sec. 4. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 1, section 36, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

29.9 Subd. 6. **Nonpublic pupil education aid.** (a) For nonpublic pupil education aid under
29.10 Minnesota Statutes, sections 123B.40 to 123B.43 and 123B.87:

29.11 ~~22,354,000~~
29.12 \$ 21,176,000 2024
29.13 ~~23,902,000~~
29.14 \$ 24,478,000 2025

29.15 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$1,925,000 for 2023 and ~~\$20,429,000~~ \$19,251,000
29.16 for 2024.

29.17 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$2,269,000~~ \$2,138,000 for 2024 and ~~\$21,633,000~~
29.18 \$22,340,000 for 2025.

29.19 Sec. 5. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 1, section 36, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

29.20 Subd. 7. **Nonpublic pupil transportation.** (a) For nonpublic pupil transportation aid
29.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.92, subdivision 9:

29.22 ~~22,248,000~~
29.23 \$ 22,979,000 2024
29.24 ~~23,624,000~~
29.25 \$ 27,177,000 2025

29.26 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$2,115,000 for 2023 and ~~\$20,133,000~~ \$20,864,000
29.27 for 2024.

29.28 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$2,237,000~~ \$2,318,000 for 2024 and ~~\$21,387,000~~
29.29 \$24,859,000 for 2025.

29.30 Sec. 6. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 1, section 36, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

29.31 Subd. 9. **Career and technical aid.** (a) For career and technical aid under Minnesota
29.32 Statutes, section 124D.4531, subdivision 1b:

30.1 ~~1,512,000~~
30.2 \$ 1,664,000 2024
30.3 ~~761,000~~
30.4 \$ 874,000 2025

30.5 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$183,000 for 2023 and ~~\$1,329,000~~ \$1,481,000 for
30.6 2024.

30.7 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$147,000~~ \$164,000 for 2024 and ~~\$614,000~~ \$710,000
30.8 for 2025.

30.9 **B. EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

30.10 Sec. 7. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 2, section 64, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

30.11 Subd. 21. **Interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants.** For
30.12 interdistrict desegregation or integration transportation grants under Minnesota Statutes,
30.13 section 124D.87:

30.14 ~~14,992,000~~
30.15 \$ 14,828,000 2024
30.16 ~~16,609,000~~
30.17 \$ 16,413,000 2025

30.18 Sec. 8. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 2, section 64, subdivision 23, is amended to read:

30.19 Subd. 23. **Literacy incentive aid.** (a) For literacy incentive aid under Minnesota Statutes,
30.20 section 124D.98:

30.21 ~~42,234,000~~
30.22 \$ 41,071,000 2024
30.23 ~~42,502,000~~
30.24 \$ 41,588,000 2025

30.25 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$4,606,000 for 2023 and ~~\$37,628,000~~ \$36,465,000
30.26 for 2024.

30.27 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$4,180,000~~ \$4,051,000 for 2024 and ~~\$38,322,000~~
30.28 \$37,537,000 for 2025.

30.29 **C. AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION**

30.30 Sec. 9. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 4, section 21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

30.31 Subd. 2. **American Indian education aid.** (a) For American Indian education aid under
30.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.81, subdivision 2a:

31.1 ~~17,949,000~~
 31.2 \$ 18,131,000 2024
 31.3 ~~19,266,000~~
 31.4 \$ 19,672,000 2025

31.5 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$1,159,000 for 2023 and ~~\$16,790,000~~ \$16,972,000
 31.6 for 2024.

31.7 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$1,865,000~~ \$1,885,000 for 2024 and ~~\$17,401,000~~
 31.8 \$17,787,000 for 2025.

31.9 Sec. 10. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 4, section 21, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

31.10 Subd. 5. **Tribal contract school aid.** (a) For Tribal contract school aid under Minnesota
 31.11 Statutes, section 124D.83:

31.12 ~~2,585,000~~
 31.13 \$ 1,673,000 2024
 31.14 ~~2,804,000~~
 31.15 \$ 2,131,000 2025

31.16 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$255,000 for 2023 and ~~\$2,330,000~~ \$1,418,000 for
 31.17 2024.

31.18 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$258,000~~ \$157,000 for 2024 and ~~\$2,546,000~~
 31.19 \$1,974,000 for 2025.

31.20 D. TEACHERS

31.21 Sec. 11. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 5, section 64, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

31.22 Subd. 14. **Student support personnel aid.** (a) For aid to support schools in addressing
 31.23 students' social, emotional, and physical health under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.901:

31.24 ~~29,138,000~~
 31.25 \$ 30,255,000 2024
 31.26 ~~35,270,000~~
 31.27 \$ 36,498,000 2025

31.28 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$0 for fiscal year 2023 and ~~\$29,138,000~~ \$30,255,000
 31.29 for fiscal year 2024.

31.30 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$3,237,000~~ \$3,361,000 for fiscal year 2024 and
 31.31 ~~\$32,033,000~~ \$33,137,000 for fiscal year 2025.

32.1

E. SPECIAL EDUCATION

32.2 Sec. 12. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 7, section 18, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

32.3 Subd. 2. **Aid for children with disabilities.** (a) For aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
32.4 125A.75, subdivision 3, for children with disabilities placed in residential facilities within
32.5 the district boundaries for whom no district of residence can be determined:

32.6		1,674,000		
32.7	\$	<u>1,597,000</u>	.....	2024
32.8		1,888,000		
32.9	\$	<u>1,844,000</u>	.....	2025

32.10 (b) If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year
32.11 is available.

32.12 Sec. 13. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 7, section 18, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

32.13 Subd. 3. **Court-placed special education revenue.** For reimbursing serving school
32.14 districts for unreimbursed eligible expenditures attributable to children placed in the serving
32.15 school district by court action under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.79, subdivision 4:

32.16		26,000		
32.17	\$	<u>39,000</u>	.....	2024
32.18		27,000		
32.19	\$	<u>40,000</u>	.....	2025

32.20 Sec. 14. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 7, section 18, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

32.21 Subd. 6. **Special education separate sites and programs.** (a) For aid for special
32.22 education separate sites and programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.81, subdivision
32.23 4:

32.24		4,378,000		
32.25	\$	<u>3,880,000</u>	.....	2024
32.26		5,083,000		
32.27	\$	<u>4,505,000</u>	.....	2025

32.28 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$0 for 2023 and ~~\$4,378,000~~ \$3,880,000 for 2024.

32.29 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$486,000~~ \$431,000 for 2024 and ~~\$4,597,000~~
32.30 \$4,074,000 for 2025.

33.1 Sec. 15. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 7, section 18, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

33.2 Subd. 7. **Travel for home-based services.** (a) For aid for teacher travel for home-based
33.3 services under Minnesota Statutes, section 125A.75, subdivision 1:

33.4		334,000	
33.5	\$	425,000	..... 2024

33.6		348,000	
33.7	\$	<u>475,000</u>	..... 2025

33.8 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$32,000 for 2023 and ~~\$302,000~~ \$393,000 for 2024.

33.9 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$33,000~~ \$43,000 for 2024 and ~~\$315,000~~ \$432,000
33.10 for 2025.

33.11 **F. FACILITIES**

33.12 Sec. 16. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 8, section 19, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

33.13 Subd. 3. **Debt service equalization aid.** (a) For debt service equalization aid under

33.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.53, subdivision 6:

33.15 \$ 24,511,000 2024

33.16		21,351,000	
33.17	\$	20,333,000	..... 2025

33.18 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$2,424,000 for 2023 and \$22,087,000 for 2024.

33.19 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$2,454,000 for 2024 and ~~\$18,897,000~~ \$17,879,000

33.20 for 2025.

33.21 **G. NUTRITION AND LIBRARIES**

33.22 Sec. 17. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 9, section 18, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

33.23 Subd. 4. **Kindergarten milk.** For kindergarten milk aid under Minnesota Statutes,
33.24 section 124D.118:

33.25		659,000	
33.26	\$	428,000	..... 2024

33.27		659,000	
33.28	\$	428,000	..... 2025

33.29 Sec. 18. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 9, section 18, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

33.30 Subd. 8. **School library aid.** (a) For school library aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
33.31 134.356:

34.1 ~~21,435,000~~
34.2 \$ 21,586,000 2024
34.3 ~~23,799,000~~
34.4 \$ 23,903,000 2025

34.5 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$0 for 2023 and ~~\$21,435,000~~ \$21,586,000 for 2024.

34.6 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$2,382,000~~ \$2,398,000 for 2024 and ~~\$21,417,000~~
34.7 \$21,505,000 for 2025.

34.8 **H. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

34.9 Sec. 19. Laws 2023, chapter 54, section 20, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

34.10 Subd. 7. **Early childhood family education aid.** (a) For early childhood family education
34.11 aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.135:

34.12 ~~37,497,000~~
34.13 \$ 37,209,000 2024
34.14 ~~39,108,000~~
34.15 \$ 38,985,000 2025

34.16 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$3,518,000 for 2023 and ~~\$33,979,000~~ \$33,691,000
34.17 for 2024.

34.18 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$3,775,000~~ \$3,743,000 for 2024 and ~~\$35,333,000~~
34.19 \$35,242,000 for 2025.

34.20 Sec. 20. Laws 2023, chapter 54, section 20, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

34.21 Subd. 9. **Developmental screening aid.** (a) For developmental screening aid under
34.22 Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.17 and 121A.19:

34.23 ~~4,350,000~~
34.24 \$ 4,148,000 2024
34.25 ~~4,375,000~~
34.26 \$ 4,151,000 2025

34.27 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$349,000 for 2023 and ~~\$4,001,000~~ \$3,799,000 for
34.28 2024.

34.29 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$445,000~~ \$422,000 for 2024 and ~~\$3,930,000~~
34.30 \$3,729,000 for 2025.

35.1 Sec. 21. Laws 2023, chapter 54, section 20, subdivision 17, is amended to read:

35.2 Subd. 17. **Home visiting aid.** (a) For home visiting aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
35.3 124D.135:

35.4 ~~391,000~~
35.5 \$ 382,000 2024

35.6 ~~309,000~~
35.7 \$ 300,000 2025

35.8 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$41,000 for 2023 and ~~\$350,000~~ \$341,000 for 2024.

35.9 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$38,000~~ \$37,000 for 2024 and ~~\$271,000~~ \$263,000
35.10 for 2025.

35.11 I. COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING

35.12 Sec. 22. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 11, section 11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

35.13 Subd. 2. **Adult basic education aid.** (a) For adult basic education aid under Minnesota
35.14 Statutes, section 124D.531:

35.15 ~~52,663,000~~
35.16 \$ 52,566,000 2024

35.17 ~~53,717,000~~
35.18 \$ 53,684,000 2025

35.19 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$5,179,000 for 2023 and ~~\$47,484,000~~ \$47,387,000
35.20 for 2024.

35.21 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes ~~\$5,275,000~~ \$5,265,000 for 2024 and ~~\$48,442,000~~
35.22 \$48,419,000 for 2025.

35.23 Sec. 23. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 11, section 11, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

35.24 Subd. 3. **Adults with disabilities program aid.** (a) For adults with disabilities programs
35.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.56:

35.26 \$ 710,000 2024

35.27 ~~1,782,000~~
35.28 \$ 1,520,000 2025

35.29 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$71,000 for 2023 and \$639,000 for 2024.

35.30 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$71,000 for 2024 and ~~\$1,711,000~~ \$1,449,000 for
35.31 2025.

36.1 Sec. 24. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 11, section 11, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

36.2 Subd. 5. **Community education aid.** (a) For community education aid under Minnesota
36.3 Statutes, section 124D.20:

36.4 \$ 98,000 2024

36.5 ~~8,030,000~~

36.6 \$ 7,857,000 2025

36.7 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$14,000 for 2023 and \$84,000 for 2024.

36.8 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$9,000 for 2024 and ~~\$8,021,000~~ \$7,848,000 for
36.9 2025.

36.10 Sec. 25. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 11, section 11, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

36.11 Subd. 10. **School-age care aid.** (a) For school-age care aid under Minnesota Statutes,
36.12 section 124D.22:

36.13 ~~1,000~~

36.14 \$ 0 2024

36.15 \$ 1,000 2025

36.16 (b) The 2024 appropriation includes \$0 for 2023 and ~~\$1,000~~ \$0 for 2024.

36.17 (c) The 2025 appropriation includes \$0 for 2024 and \$1,000 for 2025.

Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 10, section 4

Sec. 4. APPROPRIATION; VOLUNTARY PREKINDERGARTEN RESERVE.

Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal years designated.

Subd. 2. Voluntary prekindergarten reserve. (a) The commissioner must reserve the following amount for future allocation towards 3,000 voluntary prekindergarten seats:

<u>\$</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>\$</u>	<u>50,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2025</u>

(b) The 2024 legislature must provide direction to the commissioner on allocating the money reserved under paragraph (a).

(c) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.