

S.F. No. 133 – Student support services personnel modifications (as proposed to be amended by the A-1 amendment)

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Background:

The student support services personnel aid program was enacted in 2023. Under current law, the program provides state aid to school districts, charter schools, and cooperative units to hire or contract for new student support services personnel, including licensed school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, school nurses, or chemical dependency counselors. In fiscal year 2026, the appropriation base for the program is approximately \$58.5 million.

Bill summary:

Section 1. Definitions [for the student support services personnel aid program]. Adds individuals working to reduce chronic student absenteeism to the list of student support services personnel positions that can be supported with state aid under the program. Effective for revenue in fiscal year 2026 and later.

Sec. 2. Purpose [of the student support services personnel aid program]. Adds "improv[ing] student...attendance" to the statutory purposes of the aid program.

Sec. 3. Allowed uses [of student support services personnel aid]. Authorizes a district, charter school, or cooperative unit to use student support services personnel aid to pay the costs of certain transportation, training, and technology upgrades for student support services personnel. Effective for revenue in fiscal year 2025 and later.



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