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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 2764

03/09/2023 Authored by Norris, Frazier, Newton, Hill and Sencer-Mura The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; increasing approved recovery program grant amounts;
1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.695.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.695, is amended to read:

1.6 124D.695 APPROVED RECOVERY PROGRAM FUNDING.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Approved recovery program. "Approved recovery program" means a
1.8 course of instruction offered by a recovery school that provides academic services, assistance
1.9 with recovery, and continuing care to students recovering from substance abuse or
1.10 dependency. A recovery program may be offered in a transitional academic setting designed
1.11 to meet graduation requirements. A recovery program must be approved by the commissioner
1.12 of education. The commissioner may specify the manner and form of the application for
1.13 the approval of a recovery school or recovery program. The commissioner must also approve
1.14 any unreimbursed pupil transportation costs incurred by students participating in an approved
1.15 recovery program.

1.16 Subd. 2. Eligibility. (a) An approved recovery program is eligible for an annual recovery
1.17 program grant of up to \$125,000 \$325,000 to pay for a portion of the costs under this section
1.18 for recovery program support staff, student and family recovery support staff, and approved
1.19 pupil transportation expenses.

1.20 (b) "Recovery program support staff" means licensed alcohol and substance use disorder
1.21 counselors, licensed school counselors, licensed school psychologists, licensed school
1.22 nurses, and licensed school social workers.

2.1 (c) "Student and family recovery support staff" means staff designated by a school as
 2.2 necessary for the recovery program to provide a quality education for youth in recovery
 2.3 from substance use disorder.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2024 and later.

2.5 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANTS.**

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

2.9 Subd. 2. **Recovery program grants.** (a) For recovery program grants under Minnesota
 2.10 Statutes, section 124D.695:

2.11 \$ 1,950,000 2024

2.12 \$ 1,950,000 2025

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