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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:  
To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; providing for licensed student services personnel aid;  
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.4 chapter 124D.

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

1.6 Section 1. [124D.98] LICENSED STUDENT SERVICES PERSONNEL AID.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Purpose. (a) The purpose of licensed student services personnel aid  
1.8 is to improve student educational achievement; safety; and physical, emotional, and social  
1.9 well-being by providing comprehensive access to needed licensed student support services.

1.10 (b) For the purposes of this section, "licensed student services personnel" means  
1.11 licensed school counselors, licensed school nurses, licensed school social workers,  
1.12 licensed school psychologists, and licensed alcohol and chemical dependency counselors.

1.13 Subd. 2. Aid. (a) A school district may apply for aid for licensed student services  
1.14 personnel newly hired after the 2006-2007 school year. The aid must be used only for  
1.15 the salary and benefit costs of new licensed student services personnel positions. The  
1.16 aid may not be used to:

1.17 (1) substitute or replace licensed student services positions that existed at the start  
1.18 of the 2006-2007 school year; or

1.19 (2) hire new student services personnel funded through private sources.

1.20 (b) To be eligible for aid, a school district annually by October 1 must report to  
1.21 the department its total estimated salary and benefit cost for licensed student services  
1.22 personnel for the current fiscal year and its total salary and benefit cost for licensed student  
1.23 services personnel for fiscal year 2007. The licensed student services personnel aid equals  
1.24 the greater of zero or 50 percent of the difference between the current year's estimated

2.1 salary and benefit cost and the adjusted salary and benefit cost for the previous fiscal  
2.2 year. A district's adjusted salary and benefit cost for fiscal year 2008 equals the salary  
2.3 and benefit expenses spent on licensed student services personnel for fiscal year 2007.  
2.4 For fiscal year 2009 and later, the district's adjusted salary and benefit cost equals the  
2.5 adjusted salary and benefit cost for the previous year times the sum of one plus the annual  
2.6 percentage increase in the district's total package salary and benefit settlement for that year.

2.7       Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.8           \$..... in fiscal year 2008 and \$..... in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from the  
2.9 general fund to the commissioner of education for licensed student services personnel  
2.10 aid under section 1. The commissioner shall make aid payments only to the extent that  
2.11 appropriated funds are available.