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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government aids; restoring county program aids; providing
1.3 county program aid inflation adjustment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006,
1.4 section 477A.03, subdivision 2b, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 477A.03, subdivision 2b, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 2b. Counties. (a) For aids payable in calendar year 2005 and thereafter
1.9 2008, the total aids paid to counties under section 477A.0124, subdivision 3, are limited
1.10 to \$100,500,000 \$105,112,500. For aids payable in 2009 and thereafter, the total aids
1.11 paid under section 477A.0124, subdivision 3, are the amounts certified to be paid in the
1.12 previous year, adjusted for inflation as provided under subdivision 5. Each calendar year,
1.13 \$500,000 shall be retained by the commissioner of revenue to make reimbursements
1.14 to the commissioner of finance for payments made under section 611.27. For calendar
1.15 year 2004, the amount shall be in addition to the payments authorized under section
1.16 477A.0124, subdivision 1. For calendar year 2005 and subsequent years, The amount shall
1.17 be deducted from the appropriation under this paragraph. The reimbursements shall be to
1.18 defray the additional costs associated with court-ordered counsel under section 611.27.
1.19 Any retained amounts not used for reimbursement in a year shall be included in the next
1.20 distribution of county need aid that is certified to the county auditors for the purpose of
1.21 property tax reduction for the next taxes payable year.

1.22 (b) For aids payable in 2005, the total aids under section 477A.0124, subdivision
1.23 4, are limited to \$105,000,000. For aids payable in 2006 and thereafter 2008, the total
1.24 aid under section 477A.0124, subdivision 4, is limited to \$105,132,923 \$121,020,423.

2.1 For aids payable in 2009 and thereafter, the total aids paid under section 477A.0124,
2.2 subdivision 4, are the amounts certified to be paid in the previous year, adjusted for
2.3 inflation as provided under subdivision 5. The commissioner of finance shall bill the
2.4 commissioner of revenue for the cost of preparation of local impact notes as required by
2.5 section 3.987, not to exceed \$207,000 in fiscal year 2004 and thereafter. The commissioner
2.6 of education shall bill the commissioner of revenue for the cost of preparation of local
2.7 impact notes for school districts as required by section 3.987, not to exceed \$7,000 in fiscal
2.8 year 2004 and thereafter. The commissioner of revenue shall deduct the amounts billed
2.9 under this paragraph from the appropriation under this paragraph. The amounts deducted
2.10 are appropriated to the commissioner of finance and the commissioner of education for the
2.11 preparation of local impact notes.

2.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 477A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.13 to read:

2.14 Subd. 5. **Inflation adjustment.** In 2009 and thereafter, the amounts paid under
2.15 subdivision 2b must each be increased by an amount equal to:

2.16 (1) the amount certified to be paid under that subdivision in the previous year,
2.17 multiplied by

2.18 (2) one plus the percentage increase in the implicit price deflator for state and
2.19 local government purchases of goods and services prepared by the Bureau of Economic
2.20 Analysis of the United States Department of Commerce for the 12-month period ending
2.21 March 31 of the previous year.