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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; modifying uses of general community education
1.3 revenue; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 124D.19, subdivision 2;
1.4 124D.20, subdivisions 8, 10.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.19, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Advisory council.** (a) Each board must provide for an advisory council to
1.8 consist of members who represent: various service organizations; churches; public and
1.9 nonpublic schools; local government including elected officials; public and private nonprofit
1.10 agencies serving youth and families; parents; youth; park, recreation or forestry services of
1.11 municipal or local government units located in whole or in part within the boundaries of
1.12 the school district; and any other groups participating in the community education program
1.13 in the school district.

1.14 (b) The advisory council must make written recommendations to the community education
1.15 director and to the school board on the use of general community education revenue under
1.16 section 124D.20, subdivision 3. A school board must take public testimony on the advisory
1.17 council's written recommendations.

1.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.

1.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.20, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

1.20 Subd. 8. **Uses of general revenue.** (a) General community education revenue may be
1.21 used for:

1.22 (1) nonvocational, recreational, and leisure time activities and programs;

2.1 (2) programs for adults with disabilities, if the programs and budgets are approved by
2.2 the department;

2.3 (3) adult basic education programs, according to section 124D.52;

2.4 (4) summer programs for elementary and secondary pupils;

2.5 (5) implementation of a youth development plan;

2.6 (6) implementation of a youth service program;

2.7 (7) early childhood family education programs, according to section 124D.13;

2.8 (8) school readiness programs, according to section 124D.15; ~~and~~

2.9 (9) school-age care programs, according to section 124D.19, subdivision 11; and

2.10 (10) mutually beneficial programs or services, including programs offered by nonschool
2.11 organizations, that promote the goals of both general education and community education
2.12 and serve the needs of school district staff, students, and residents.

2.13 (b) In addition to money from other sources, a district may use up to ten percent of its
2.14 community education revenue for equipment that is used ~~exclusively~~ primarily in community
2.15 education programs. This revenue may be used only for the following purposes:

2.16 (1) to purchase or lease computers and related materials;

2.17 (2) to purchase or lease equipment for instructional programs; and

2.18 (3) to purchase textbooks and library books.

2.19 (c) General community education revenue must not be used to subsidize the direct activity
2.20 costs for adult enrichment programs. Direct activity costs include, but are not limited to,
2.21 the cost of the activity leader or instructor, cost of materials, or transportation costs.

2.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.

2.23 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.20, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

2.24 Subd. 10. **Reserve account.** (a) Community education revenue, which includes aids,
2.25 levies, fees, grants, and all other revenues received by the school district for community
2.26 education programs, must be maintained in a reserve account within the community service
2.27 fund, except as provided in paragraph (b).

2.28 (b) A school board may transfer funds from the community education reserve account
2.29 to either the operating capital account in the general fund or the building construction fund
2.30 for capital and facility needs that are to be used primarily by community education programs.

3.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.