
Appropriations Committee

HB 2494

Brief Description: Increasing state funding for operating costs in schools.

Sponsors: Representatives Bergquist and Rude.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Updates and increases per pupil amounts for materials, supplies, and operating costs in state prototypical school funding formulas.

Hearing Date: 2/5/24

Staff: James Mackison (786-7104).

Background:

State school funding formulas include allocations per annual average full-time equivalent student for maintenance, supplies, and operating costs (MSOC). There are several categories of MSOC specified in state formulas. For the 2024-25 school year, total general education MSOC per pupil is anticipated to be \$1,519.04 based on projected inflation as of November 2023. The 2024-25 MSOC amounts by category are:

- \$183.27 for technology;
- \$426.26 for utilities and insurance;
- \$168.43 for curriculum and textbooks;
- \$334.38 for other supplies;
- \$23.20 for library materials;
- \$26.05 for instructional professional development for certified and classified staff;
- \$211.16 for facilities maintenance; and
- \$146.29 for security and central office.

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The technology category includes \$25 per pupil outside the state's program of basic education that was added in the 2022-23 school year above statutorily required amounts.

Additional MSOC amounts are provided for students in grades 9 through 12 and students enrolled in career and technical education courses and skill centers.

Summary of Bill:

The MSOC defined in state prototypical formula are updated in statute to the 2024-25 school year and include a \$48 per pupil increase, from \$1,519.04 to \$1,567.04 per pupil. The \$25 per pupil increase provided for technology in 2022-23 is added to statute.

The new 2024-25 general education MSOC per pupil amounts by category are:

- \$183.27 for technology;
- \$458.26 for utilities and insurance;
- \$168.43 for curriculum and textbooks;
- \$334.38 for other supplies;
- \$23.20 for library materials;
- \$34.05 for instructional professional development for certified and classified staff;
- \$211.16 for facilities maintenance; and
- \$154.29 for security and central office.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 3, 2024.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on September 1, 2024.