DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Representative Pope-Roberts:

As far as I can tell, nothing in current law restricts the source of funds that a school district may use to pay for advanced placement tests. If DPI wishes to "remove concerns about supplanting if state or federal funds are used," I think a more direct statement to that effect would be more likely to accomplish that purpose.

In addition, note that current laws direct school boards to pay for many costs without specifying the source of funds. See, for example, ss. 118.05 (2) (fees for operation of the school conservation camp); 118.15 (2) (a) (fees for children attending technical colleges); 118.153 (paying contracting agencies for children–at–risk programs); 118.25 (3) and (5) (paying the costs of health exams); 118.51 (17), 118.52 (12), and 118.55 (5) and (7r) (d) (paying tuition to nonresident school districts or institutions of higher education); 120.12 (6) (paying insurance premiums); 120.12 (17) (paying tuition for pupils attending the UW); 120.13 (10) (paying for meals for pupils); 120.13 (16) (paying the membership fee in a school board organization); 120.13 (32) (paying for school board orientation programs). If this bill becomes law as written, I think questions may be raised about the source of funds that may be used for the purposes specified in these provisions.

If you have questions or need more information, please let me know.

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