

23. TUITION PAYMENTS

GPR	- \$500,000
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Joint Finance: Reduce the appropriation for tuition payments by \$250,000 annually. State tuition payments reimburse school districts and county children with disabilities board (CCDEB) for the cost of educating children who live in properties for which there is no parental property tax base support, including property tax exempt foster or group homes, and state or federal institutions. Base level funding is \$9,741,000.

24. PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

GPR	\$500,000
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Joint Finance: Provide \$250,000 annually in a separate appropriation for annual grants to Project Lead the Way to provide discounted professional development services and software for participating high schools in this state. The appropriation would sunset as of June 30, 2007.

25. SECOND CHANCE PARTNERSHIP

Joint Finance: Allocate \$190,000 GPR in 2005-06 and in 2006-07 from the appropriation for alternative education grants to the Second Chance Partnership, a nonprofit corporation operating a pilot program in which children at risk participate in apprenticeships while earning high school diplomas. In addition, require DPI to pay Second Chance from a separate sum sufficient appropriation an amount equal to \$4,160 multiplied by the number of pupils participating in the program. Further require DPI to reduce the amount of general school aid that a school district is eligible to be paid by an amount equal to the amount paid to Second Chance for pupils enrolled in the school district. Require DPI to ensure that the amount of the aid reduction lapses to the general fund and that it does not affect the amount determined to be received by a school district as state aid for any other purpose. Provide that no more than 32 pupils could participate in the program. Base level funding for alternative education grants is \$5,000,000.

26. GRANT FOR TECHNOLOGY CONSORTIA

Joint Finance: Allocate \$25,000 SEG annually from the appropriation for telecommunications access for school districts, under the Department of Administration, for grants to consortia of school districts meeting the following criteria for the purpose of developing and implementing a technology-enhanced high school curriculum: (a) the curriculum is developed for and implemented through streaming video conferencing and online course work; (b) the consortium includes high schools from at least eight school districts; (c) the participating school districts collectively contribute an amount equal to at least the amount of the grant received in the same fiscal year; and (d) the curriculum is made available to each high school participating in the consortium.