NEW: PARAPROFESSIONAL IEP TIME REQUIREMENT - (MN Statutes 125A.08)

- Paraprofessionals assigned to work alone with an individual student with a disability be given paid time or time during the school day:
  - To review a student’s individualized education program (IEP)
  - Be briefed on the student’s specific needs by appropriate staff
- The time must be provided within five (5) days of the paraprofessional beginning to work alone with the student.

NEW: AGE EXTENTION TO 22 - (MN Statutes 120A.20 subd. 1, 121A.41 subd. 7)

- Extends admission and provisions of the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act for all students with a disability to the student’s 22nd birthday.

NEW: HOMELESS PUPIL TRANSPORTATION - (MN Statutes 120A.20, 125A.76, 123B.92 subd. 1)

- SPED HOMELESS AID - Special education homeless pupil aid is available to compensate schools who are not eligible for full reimbursement of their transportation costs for homeless and highly mobile students. (Starting in FY24 and later)

- FOSTER CARE ELIGIBILITY - Students placed in foster families are eligible for transportation funding in the same manner as homeless and highly mobile students.

NEW: INTERPRETERS - (MN Statutes 122A.31 subd. 1)

- Adds Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI) certification issued by RID to approved list of approve programs.

- Defines an interpreter with the required ASL / English certifications or credentials “essential personnel”.
NEW: UTILIZATION OF ONLINE LEARNING PROGRAM

- A school with a state-approved online learning program may use the program to fulfill its educational program requirements for the student, if the child, or the parent or guardian of the student under the age of 18, agrees to that form of instruction.

EFFECTIVE DATE - AUGUST 1, 2023

NEW: SOCIAL WORK SERVICES - (MN Statutes 256B.0625 subd. 26)

- School social work services eligible for medical assistance payment if provided by a:
  - mental health professional
  - clinical trainee under the supervision of a mental health professional
  - mental health practitioner under the supervision of a mental health professional

- A mental health practitioner performing school social work services must provide services within the mental health practitioner's licensure scope of practice, if applicable, and within the mental health practitioner scope of practice defined in law.

- SPED evaluations, IEPs, or individual family service plans can be used to determine medical necessity and eligibility for social work services instead of a diagnostic assessment.

EFFECTIVE DATE JANUARY 1, 2024, OR 
UPON FEDERAL APPROVAL (WHICHEVER IS LATER)