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Overview

A school district is eligible for health and safety revenue based on the district's qualifying projects that have been approved by the commissioner of education. The health and safety statute requires districts to develop a health and safety program which must be adopted by the school board and submitted to the commissioner. The health and safety program must include plans to eliminate health and safety hazards in a whole variety of areas. This bill requires school districts to include in their health and safety plan a plan to ensure good classroom acoustics.

Health and safety revenue is a lightly equalized revenue. For fiscal year 2005, health and safety revenue is expected to be about \$95 million with nearly \$90 million of the revenue raised from the local property taxes.

Section

- 1 Health and Safety plan.** Includes in the list of items that must be included in a school district's health and safety plan a plan that follows the American National Standard Institute's guidelines for classroom acoustics for all new construction and major renovation projects.