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Overview

The safe schools levy, formerly known as the crime levy, allows school districts to levy for costs associated with student and staff safety issues. Eligible expenses include: police liaison services; drug abuse prevention programs (DARE); gang resistance education training; school security; and any other crime prevention and student and staff safety measures.

The safe schools levy was increased from \$11 per pupil unit to \$30 per pupil unit beginning with taxes payable in 2003 (fiscal year 2004) and lowered by the 2003 Legislature to \$27 per pupil unit for taxes payable in 2004 and later.

This bill creates a minimum amount of safe schools revenue of \$25,000 per district for small school districts. One hundred thirty-five small school districts would benefit under this bill, for a total levy cost of about \$1.5 million.

Section

- 1 Safe schools levy.** Creates a minimum amount of safe schools revenue for small school districts. Set the minimum equal to \$25,000 per district.