Overview

Increases funding for special education programs.

Section

1 Special education definitions. Establishes the program growth factor for special education revenue at 2% per year.

2 State total special education revenue. Increases the amount of state aid available for special education in fiscal year 2000 from $358,542,000 to $456,015,000 and in fiscal year 2001 from $435,322,000 to $472,900,000.

3 School district excess cost revenue. Lowers the initial unreimbursed amount of special education that a district must incur before receiving special education excess cost revenue from 5.7% of general education revenue (roughly $200 per pupil unit) to 4.36% of general education revenue.

4 State total excess cost revenue. Sets a statewide maximum amount for special education excess cost revenue. Sets the amount at $80,708,000 for fiscal year 2001. Increases the statewide maximum amount by 4.4% in fiscal year 2002 and by additional 2% per year for fiscal years 2003 and later.

5 Pupil unit. Increases the revenue generated by disabled prekindergarten pupils by 25%.

6 Effective date. Makes sections 1 to 5 effective for revenue for fiscal years 2000 and later.