Overview

The majority of each school district's revenue is provided on a per pupil unit basis through the basic general education formula allowance. The basic formula allowance is currently set at $3,530 per pupil unit for fiscal years 1999 and 2000. The basic formula allowance is scheduled to increase by $67 per pupil unit for fiscal year 2001 and later, but this increase only reflects the roll-in of $67 per pupil unit of cooperation revenue, and is not additional revenue to districts.

H.F. 1187 also restores the training and experience revenue component of general education revenue.

Training and experience (T&E) revenue partially compensates school districts that have teachers who have a substantial number of years of service to the school district and higher levels of educational attainment. T&E revenue was temporarily eliminated for the 1996-97 and 1997-98 school years. T&E revenue was partially restored for the 1998-99 school year and will be phased out over time. Under its current structure, a school district's T&E revenue is limited to only those teachers who taught in the district during the 1996-97 school year. To calculate T&E revenue, the Department of Children, Families and Learning develops a matrix of steps and lanes and places each teacher in the district in the appropriate cell within the matrix. The salary of the teachers in each district in each cell is compared to the statewide average salary for all teachers.

Many school districts are experiencing a larger loss in training and experience revenue than was initially estimated in 1997 when the phase-out was approved.

1  **Basic revenue.** Increases the general education basic formula increase by $400 per pupil unit for fiscal years 2000 and later.
2  **Training and experience index.** Restores the training and experience index to its full value for
fiscal years 2000 and later.

3 **Effective date.** Makes sections 1 and 2 effective for revenue for fiscal year 2000 and later.