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Bill Summary

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Overview

Minnesota Statutes generally require school districts to reserve two percent of their basic general education revenue (around \$100 per pupil unit) for staff development purposes although the 2011 Legislature has suspended this requirement for the current biennium (FY 12 and FY 13). This requirement has been suspended in some past years as well. Under the current statutory language, 50 percent of the staff development revenue is reserved for use at each school site, 25 percent must be used for district-wide efforts, and the remaining 25 percent is for grant to sites for best practices methods. This bill removes the statutorily-mandated distribution formula.

- 1 Staff development revenue.** Eliminates the statutory method by which staff development must be distributed within a school district.