

Subject Safe Schools Revenue

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Overview

The current safe schools revenue program allows school districts to levy for certain costs associated with student and staff safety issues. Eligible safe schools expenses include: law enforcement liaison services (School Resource Officers); drug abuse (DARE) and gang resistance prevention programs; school security and cyber security measures; other crime prevention and student and staff safety measures; and counseling, social work, and chemical dependency services provided by licensed professionals. Under current law, safe schools revenue is provided entirely through a local levy limited to not more than \$36 per pupil for school districts. School districts that are members of an intermediate school district may levy an additional \$15 per pupil for safe schools activities at an intermediate school district.

H.F. 3653 increases safe schools revenue as follows:

- School districts – adds \$64 per pupil in state aid to the \$36 per pupil of existing levy authority;
- Charter schools – provides new aid of \$100 per pupil;
- Cooperative units – provides new aid of \$35 per pupil for all cooperatives that are not an intermediate school district and provides aid of \$20 per pupil for intermediate school districts to accompany their current levy authority of \$15 per pupil unit.

Summary

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1	<p>Safe schools revenue.</p> <p>Increases safe schools revenue for school districts by adding state aid equal to \$64 per pupil unit. Creates safe school state aid of \$100 per pupil unit for charter schools. Creates state aid of \$35 per pupil unit for all cooperative units other than an intermediate school district, and \$20 per pupil unit in safe schools aid to the \$15 per</p>
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	pupil unit that intermediate school districts currently receive through the safe schools levy.
2	Safe schools aid appropriation. Appropriates an unspecified amount of aid for safe schools aid for school districts and cooperative units beginning in fiscal year 2027.



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