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## Bill Summary

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## Overview

Creates categorical funding for basic skills summer school programs. Defines eligible students and specifies funding for the program. Many school districts pay for summer school and basic skills summer school programs through the learning year program. However, under current law, the learning year program is repealed effective July 1, 1999. If the learning year program is not reinstated, the fiscal estimate of this bill will increase substantially.

- **Basic skills summer school.** Qualifies a pupil for basic skills summer school if that pupil has not passed an assessment of basic standards in reading, writing, or mathematics. Sets the funding level of basic skills summer school equal to the formula allowance times the ratio of the number of hours of summer school attended to 1,020.
- **Appropriations.** Appropriates a blank amount in fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for basic skills summer school aid (current estimates for the program are about \$1.1 million per year).
- **Effective date.** Makes sections 1 and 2 effective immediately and applies revenue to summer school conducted in 1999 and later.