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Bill Summary

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Overview

School districts receive the great bulk of their operating money from the general education revenue program. Since 1997, school districts have been required to reserve 2% of their basic general education revenue for staff development purposes. A district in statutory operating debt is not required to reserve staff development revenue. A school board and its teachers may mutually agree to waive the requirement for a reserve. Under current law, staff development revenue must be distributed 50% to the school site, 25% may be retained for district-wide programs and 25% must be used for grants to sites for best practices methods. The school board must establish a staff development advisory committee and site teams.

HF 422 eliminates the requirement for an advisory staff development committee, modifies the membership of the teams, and removes the reserved revenue distribution formula.

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- 1 Staff development committee.** Makes the advisory staff development committee optional instead of mandatory. Eliminates the requirement that a majority of members on the site teams and on the advisory committee be teachers. Makes these changes effective July 1, 2003.
- 2 Staff development outcomes.** Conforms the language of the staff development plan to

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account for the situation where a district does not have an advisory staff development committee. Makes the section effective July 1, 2003.

- 3** **Staff development revenue.** Grants school districts flexibility in allocating staff development revenue by eliminating the current revenue distribution requirements.