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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.

HF 423 lowers the reserve for staff development from 2% to 1% of general education basic revenue and allows a school board, by majority vote, to increase the reserve by an additional 1% of basic revenue.

Section

- 1 Staff development revenue.** Lowers the amount of the revenue that must be reserved for staff development purposes from 2% (\$92 per pupil) to 1% (\$46 per pupil) of basic general education revenue. Allows a school district by majority vote of its board to increase the reserved amount back to 2% of basic revenue. Makes the reduction effective for fiscal year 2003 and later.