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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The 2003 Legislature reduced funding for a variety of education programs. This bill restores the funding levels for these programs and increases funding for the Early Childhood Family Education Program and the General Education Program.

In summary, the bill restores funding for charter school building lease aid, the Way to Grow program, community education programs, after school enrichment programs, adult basic education, limited English proficiency (LEP) services, special education services, extended time programs, compensatory revenue, building lease amounts, unemployment insurance costs, judgment costs and the safe schools program.

The bill increases funding for the ECFE program and also the general education revenue program by increasing the basic formula allowance by \$250 per pupil unit.

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- 1 Building lease aid; charter schools.** Restores the maximum amount of building lease aid available to a charter school from \$1,200 per pupil unit to \$1,500 per pupil unit.
- 2 ECFE revenue.** Sets the ECFE allowance at \$136 times the residents of the district under the age of five for fiscal year 2006 and later. The 2003 Legislature reduced the allowance from \$120 to \$96 per resident of the district under the age of five.
- 3 Way to Grow/School Readiness program.** Restores the Way to Grow/School Readiness program that was repealed by the 2003 Legislature.
- 4 General community education revenue.** Restores funding for the basic community

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- education program from \$5.23 to \$5.95 per capita beginning in fiscal year 2006.
- 5 **After-school enrichment grant program.** Restores the after-school enrichment grant program that was repealed by the 2003 Legislature.
- 6 **Adult basic education.** Restores an eight percent growth factor to the adult basic education program.
- 7 **Basic population aid.** Restores the portion of adult basic education aid that is distributed on a per capita basis to the greater of \$4,000 or \$1.80 times the population of the district.
- 8 **Adult basic education program aid limit.** Allows the aid for any particular adult basic education program to grow at 17 percent per year (the 2003 Legislature limited growth to not more than 8 percent per year).
- 9 **Pupils of limited English proficiency (LEP).** Removes the five-year limit on funding for students receiving limited English Proficiency services. The five-year limit was imposed by the 2003 Legislature.
- 10 **Special education definitions.** Restores the 4.6 percent growth factor to the regular special education funding formula for fiscal year 2007 and later.
- 11 **State total special education aid.** Increases the state total amount of aid available for regular special education aid from \$529 million to \$578 million for fiscal year 2006.
- 12 **Special education excess cost aid definitions.** Restores the 2 percent growth factor for special education excess cost aid for fiscal year 2007 and later.
- 13 **State total special education excess cost aid.** Increases the state total amount of aid available for special education excess cost aid from \$91.8 million to \$95.5 million for fiscal year 2006.
- 14 **Average daily membership.** Restores the additional time that a student may receive reimbursable instructional services from an added 20 percent extra time to an added 50 percent extra time.
- 15 **Learning year pupil unit.** Restores the additional time that a student may receive reimbursable instructional services from an added 20 percent extra time to an added 50 percent extra time.
- 16 **Basic revenue.** Increases the general education basic revenue allowance for fiscal years 2006 and later by \$250 per year.
- 17 **Extended time revenue.** Restores the additional time that a student may receive reimbursable instructional services from an added 20 percent extra time to an added 50 percent extra time.
- 18 **Compensatory education revenue.** Removes the \$415 subtraction from the calculation of compensatory revenue.
- 19 **Building lease levy.** Restores the building lease levy from the lesser of \$90 per pupil or 90% of a district's lease costs to the lesser of \$100 per pupil or the district's actual lease costs. Restores the added lease levy available to school districts that are members of an intermediate school district from \$22.50 per pupil unit to \$25 per pupil unit.
- 20 **Unemployment insurance levy.** Restores full levy authority for school district unemployment insurance costs. The 2003 Legislature limited the levy to 90 percent of the amount in excess of \$10 per pupil unit.
- 21 **Tax levy for judgment.** Restores the full levy authority for judgments that have been entered against a school district. The 2003 Legislature limited the levy to 90 percent of the amount in excess of \$10 per pupil unit.
- 22 **Safe schools levy.** Restores the safe school levy from \$27 per pupil unit to \$30 per pupil unit.

