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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Special education excess cost aid is designed to provide additional special education funding for school districts that have high levels of unreimbursed special education expenses. A school district's excess cost aid is capped in much the same manner as the regular special education aid. Total statewide excess cost aid is limited to a fixed amount set in statute for fiscal years 2008 to 2011, is annually inflated by two percent for subsequent fiscal years and is also adjusted for the change in pupil counts for each year. Each district's initial excess cost aid is based on the difference between unreimbursed special education costs and other general education revenue.

This bill provides the definition of general education aid used to calculate special education excess cost aid.

### Section

- 1** **Definitions.** Divides the general education revenue calculation into separate formulas for charter schools and school districts for purposes of determining special education excess cost aid. Removes obsolete language.