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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Minnesota funds a variety of programs designed to promote integration within and among its school districts. School districts that file integration plans with the Department of Education are eligible for integration revenue. Prior to the 1999-2000 school year, only three school districts (Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth) had filed integration plans. A new integration rule was adopted by the State Board of Education in 1999, and that rule requires many more school districts to develop integration plans. About 110 school districts are required to develop integration plans and are eligible for integration revenue during the 2008-2009 school year.

Integration revenue is provided in a mix of aid and levy. For fiscal years 2005 and later, 70 percent of integration revenue is provided in state aid. The per pupil integration revenue amounts are set in statute at \$480 per pupil for Minneapolis, \$445 per pupil for St. Paul, \$206 per pupil for Duluth, \$129 per pupil for participating districts with a protected student count in excess of 15 percent of total enrollment, and \$92 per pupil for all remaining participating school districts.

This bill increases integration revenue for school districts that have high percentages of students of color, low-income students, non-English speaking students, and highly mobile students.

### Section

**1**      **Integration revenue.** Increases the integration revenue for any school district that meets the following criteria from \$129 per pupil to \$445 per pupil unit:

- the district's protected student enrollment must exceed 60 percent of its total enrollment;
- the district's percent of students eligible for free or reduced price meals must exceed 60 percent;
- the district's limited English proficiency count must exceed 20 percent of its total

enrollment; and

- the student mobility rate in the district must exceed 20 percent.