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Overview

In most years, school districts are required to reserve 2 percent of their basic general education revenue (.02 x \$5,124 = \$101.48 per pupil unit for fiscal year 2011) for staff development purposes. A school board and its teacher union may mutually agree to waive this requirement. This staff development reserve was legislatively suspended for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. Staff development revenue must be used for specific staff development activities listed in statute and districts must annually report on staff development activities to the department of education. School boards are required to allocate 50 percent of the staff development revenue to school sites on a per teacher basis, 25 percent is for district wide staff development activities, and 25 percent is for grants to school sites for best practices methods. This bill eliminates the 2 percent revenue set aside but allows districts to voluntarily continue specific staff development activities.

- 1 Transitional planning year.** Eliminates a cross-reference to staff development revenue.
- 2 Planning and staff development.** Allows a school district that is participating in the Q Comp program to use up to 2 percent of its general revenue for staff development purposes.
- 3 Staff development committee.** Clarifies that a school board may continue to carry on specific staff development activities if it chooses to implement a staff development plan.
- 4 Effective staff development activities.** Eliminates an exception for staff development revenue uses (since the staff development revenue set aside is being repealed).
- 5 Staff development report.** Clarifies that a school board that voluntarily continues to implement a staff development plan must continue to report the results of its staff development activities.
- 6 Repealer.** Repeals section 122A.61, the staff development revenue reserve.