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# Bill Summary

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**Education Revenue for School Districts** 

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## Overview

This bill creates a new category of general education revenue called education advancement revenue. Sets the revenue amount equal to \$300 per pupil unit, and provides the revenue through a mix of aid and levy with the levy calculated on adjusted net tax capacity as the statewide uniform rate that raises \$100 million per year.

The bill reduces each district's referendum allowance by lesser of its current referendum allowance or \$300 per pupil unit. The bill also disallows additional operating referendum elections during calendar year 2013 only.

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- **General education revenue.** Creates a new component of general education revenue called education advancement revenue and adds it to the definition of general education revenue.
- **Education advancement revenue.** Creates a new component of general education revenue called education advancement revenue. Sets the revenue equal to \$300 per resident marginal cost pupil unit beginning in fiscal year 2015.
- **Education advancement rate.** Requires the commissioner of education to set a uniform tax rate for the education advancement levy each year. Sets the rate equal to the amount that raises \$100 million per year.
- **Education advancement levy.** Sets the education advancement levy equal to the lesser of the district's education advancement revenue or the amount raised by applying the education

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advancement rate against the district's adjusted net tax capacity for the previous year.

- **Education advancement aid.** Establishes education advancement aid equal to the difference between the district's education advancement revenue and its education advancement levy. Proportionately reduces the aid if the district chooses to under levy.
- **General education aid.** Expands the definition of general education aid to include education advancement aid beginning in fiscal year 2015.
- **Referendum allowance.** Reduces each district's referendum revenue allowance by the lesser of its current referendum allowance or \$300 per resident marginal cost pupil unit.
- **Referendum allowance limit.** Reduces the maximum referendum allowance a district may have by \$300 per pupil unit.
- **Direction to the commissioner.** Requires the commissioner of education to adjust each district's referendum authority from oldest to newest in order to reduce referendum authority by \$300 per pupil unit.
- Operating referendum freeze; fiscal year 2015. Disallows any operating referendum elections in calendar 2013 unless the election is solely to renew an expiring referendum, in which case it may be renewed at its current amount less \$300 per pupil unit.