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Overview

The safe schools levy allows school districts and intermediate districts to levy for costs associated with student and staff safety issues. Eligible expenses include:

- ▶ police liaison services;
- ▶ drug abuse prevention programs (DARE);
- ▶ gang resistance education training;
- ▶ school security;
- ▶ other crime prevention and student and staff safety measures; and
- ▶ counseling, social working, and chemical dependency services provided by licensed professionals.

This bill increases the maximum safe schools levy for school districts by \$20 per pupil unit and increases the safe schools levy for intermediate school districts by \$10 per pupil unit.

Section

- 1** **Safe schools levy.** Increases the maximum safe schools levy for school districts by \$20 per pupil (from \$36 to \$56 per pupil) and increases the safe schools levy for intermediate school districts by \$10 per pupil (from \$10 to \$20 per pupil).