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Overview

This bill increases funding for English language learners, extended time programs, and safe school purposes.

English learner revenue provides instruction to students with limited English skills. Programs may include bilingual programs or English-as-a-second-language (ESL) programs. Each district's revenue equals \$704 times the number of qualifying English learners plus an additional amount of concentration revenue not to exceed \$250 per English learner. This bill raises the maximum number of years a student may receive funding from five to seven.

Extended time revenue allows a school district to count a student who participates in extended programming as an additional 0.2 students in Average Daily Membership (ADM) for the time the student spends in extended day, extended week, summer school, or other additional programming. The added pupil count is multiplied by \$5,017, an amount that has not been increased since the revenue was established in 2004. This bill links extended time revenue to the basic formula allowance.

The safe schools levy, formerly known as the crime levy, allows school districts to levy for costs associated with student and staff safety issues. This bill increases the levy by \$9 per pupil for school districts and by \$5 per pupil for intermediate districts.

Section

- 1** **English learner.** Increases the maximum number of years that a student whose first language is other than English may generate funds for English language learning programs from five to seven years beginning in fiscal year 2015.

- 2** **Extended time revenue.** Increases the funding for extended time revenue by linking the funding to the general education basic formula allowance (currently the funding uses a formula allowance of \$5,017 per pupil which is \$789 less than the basic formula allowance).

- 3** **Safe schools levy.** Increases the safe schools levy for school districts by \$9 per pupil. Increases the safe schools levy for intermediate school districts by \$5 per pupil. Makes both changes effective for taxes payable in 2015.