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Overview

Small schools revenue was enacted by the 2011 Legislature. A school district (but not a charter school) that serves less than 960 pupil units is eligible for small schools revenue equal to \$544 times the district's adjusted pupil units, times the ratio of 960 less the district's adjusted pupil units to 960. In other words, the smaller a school district, the greater the amount of small schools revenue per pupil that district receives. Current law also calculates small schools revenue separately at each site for school districts that qualify for secondary sparsity revenue due to the presence of a geographically isolated high school. For fiscal year 2016, small schools revenue is estimated to total \$16.5 million.

This bill authorizes small schools revenue for charter schools and the Crosswinds school, qualifying these schools if they serve less than 200 adjusted pupil units. The estimated state aid cost of this bill is \$1.36 million per year, with the aid going to 67 charter schools.

Section

- 1 Charter school general education revenue.** Adds small schools revenue to the charter school general education revenue calculations.
- 2 Small schools revenue.** Adds a second component to small schools revenue to provide aid to charter schools that serve less than 200 adjusted pupil units. Sets the revenue equal to \$544 times the charter school's adjusted pupil units, times the ratio of 200 less the charter school's adjusted pupil units to 200.