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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Most school districts try to fund school technology needs from a combination of revenue streams, including: operating capital revenue; technology, equipment, and capital facilities bonds; and operating referenda proceeds. Additionally, districts often spend undesignated general fund money on technology purchases and leases.

This bill creates a new equalized source of revenue for school technology needs called Special Technology Revenue. The new program provides an unspecified amount of revenue on a per pupil basis to each district through an equalized aid and levy. The equalizing factor for the levy is set at 125 percent of the statewide average adjusted net tax capacity per pupil (roughly \$8,300 per pupil unit).

### Section

- 1 Special technology revenue.** Creates a new funding formula for school technology needs called Special Technology Revenue. Makes the program an equalized aid and levy. Provides revenue on a per pupil basis, based on a currently unspecified revenue allowance.