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Overview

Equity revenue is a component of general education revenue that raises approximately \$107 million per year through an equalized aid and levy. The equity revenue formula divides the state into two regions, the seven-county metro area and the other 80 counties, depending on the location of each district's administrative office as of July 1, 1999. Each district's equity revenue depends on its level of basic revenue and referendum revenue compared to its region's range of basic and referendum revenue. The equity revenue formula consists of four parts: basic equity revenue; low-referendum equity revenue; a supplemental equity revenue formula of \$50 per pupil; and a 25 percent increase in each district's basic and low-referendum equity revenue for districts with administrative offices located in the seven-county metro equity region.

This bill expands the definition of the metro equity region for purposes of the 25 percent increase in equity revenue to include a school district with any of its area located in a county in the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington Metropolitan Statistical Area delineated in 2009 by the United States Census Bureau. This change adds school districts with any territory located in Chisago, Isanti, Sherburne, and Wright Counties as well as the seven-county metropolitan area and increases the qualifying number of districts from 48 to 82.

Section

- 1 Equity revenue.** Expands the definition of the metro equity region for purposes of providing the 25 percent metro equity bump to include a school district with any of its area located in the 11-county Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington Metropolitan Statistical Area.