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Bill Summary

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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 grants all school districts the 25 percent increase in equity revenue currently available only to metro area school districts.

Section

- 1 Equity revenue.** Qualifies all school districts for the 25 percent “metro” equity bump beginning in fiscal year 2016.
- 2 Fiscal year 2016 only.** Requires the full amount of the equity revenue increase in the 2015-2016 school year to be paid in state aid since the levy for that year (pay 15) has already been set.