

**Subject** Safe Schools Revenue Program

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## Overview

The safe schools revenue program allows school districts to levy for costs associated with student and staff safety issues. Eligible expenses include: law enforcement liaison services (School Resource Officers); drug abuse (DARE) and gang resistance prevention programs; school security measures; other crime prevention and student and staff safety measures; and counseling, social work, and chemical dependency services provided by licensed professionals.

Under current law, safe schools revenue is provided entirely through the local levy limited to not more than \$36 per pupil. School districts that are members of an intermediate school district may levy an additional \$15 per pupil unit for safe schools activities at the intermediate school district.

H.F. 1360 adds state aid to the safe schools revenue program and adds additional eligible uses of safe schools funding. The bill provides \$108 per pupil of safe schools revenue to school districts (\$72 per pupil in state aid and \$36 in local levy), raises funding for all cooperative units to \$44 per pupil, and creates a minimum aid amount of \$100,000 per district for small school districts.

H.F. 1360 also adds cyber security activities to the eligible uses of safe schools revenue.

## Summary

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1	<b>Safe schools revenue.</b> Increases safe schools revenue for school districts from \$36 to \$108 per pupil. Increases the revenue for all cooperative units to \$44 per pupil (the pupil count for this formula is that of the cooperative's member school districts). Sets a base safe schools revenue amount of \$100,000 for each school district. Makes cyber security
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	expenditures, including costs for updating computer hardware and software, and cyber security insurance an eligible use of safe schools revenue.
2	<b>Appropriations.</b> Appropriates an unspecified amount of state aid for safe schools programs for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.



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