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Sponsor(s): Senators McAuliffe, Kohl, Brown, Snyder, Loveland, Franklin, Fairley, Prentice, Heavey, Kline, B. Sheldon, Fraser, Spanel, Goings and Thibaudeau; by request of Governor Locke

Brief Title: Changing local levy equalization.

SB 6473 - DIGEST

Finds that the increased levy authorization enacted in 1997 enabled school districts to enhance basic education programs provided by the state with local options, but that districts with higher-than-average property tax rates are challenged to secure voter approval of levies to take advantage of the increased authorization.

Declares an intent of the legislature to increase state assistance for school districts' local efforts.