
Appropriations Committee

HB 2040

Brief Description: Concerning nonhigh school districts.

Sponsors: Representative MacEwen.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changes the calculation of a nonhigh school district's payments to a high school district to serve a nonhigh student.

Hearing Date: 2/28/19

Staff: James Mackison (786-7104).

Background:

A nonhigh school district is a district that does not provide instruction for all grades kindergarten through twelfth grade. When a student residing in a nonhigh district attends high school, the nonhigh district sends the student to a high school district that provides secondary instruction.

Nonhigh and high school districts may raise funds locally through enrichment levies. Enrichment levies must be used only for enrichment beyond the state's program of basic education. New limits on enrichment levy collections take effect in 2019, limiting districts to the lesser of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in the district or \$2,500 per pupil. Enrichment levy rates per student vary by district.

Nonhigh school districts are required to reimburse the high school districts for the costs of educating nonhigh students. The payment amount per student is defined as the enrichment levy rate per student levied by the high school district.

Summary of Bill:

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A nonhigh school district's payment per student to a high school district is the lesser of the enrichment levy rate per student levied by the high school district or the enrichment levy rate per student levied by the nonhigh school district.

Revenue provided by nonhigh school districts to high school districts is designated for secondary school buildings. Upon a nonhigh school district's request, the high school district must report annual data for attendance, grades, discipline, and state assessments for nonhigh secondary students served by the high school district within 60 days of the request.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 28, 2019.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.