

2007-2009 Biennial Budget Proposals on Increasing Revenue Limits for School Safety Expenditures

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REVENUE LIMIT INCREASE FOR SCHOOL SAFETY EXPENDITURES [LFB Paper 628]

Governor: Provide that a school district's revenue limit may be increased by a certain amount for expenses for school safety, beginning with revenue limits calculated in the 2008-09 school year. Specify that the amount of the revenue limit increase would be equal to \$25,000 for up to the first 500 pupils enrolled in grades 9 through 12, and would increase by an additional \$25,000 for each additional 500 pupils enrolled in grades 9 through 12.

To receive the revenue limit increase, require the school district and a local law enforcement agency to jointly develop a school safety plan that covers each school in the district that operates grades 9 through 12. Require the school district to submit the school safety plan to the State Superintendent no later than November 1 of the first school year in which the revenue limit increase would apply. Define "local law enforcement agency" to mean a governmental unit of one or more persons employed full time by a city, town, village, or county in the state for the purpose of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing state laws or local ordinances, employees of which unit are authorized to make arrests for crimes while acting within the scope of their authority.

Provide that a school district may use the revenue limit increase to: (a) purchase safety equipment specified by the State Superintendent by rule as eligible for the adjustment; or (b) fund up to \$25,000 of the compensation costs associated with providing one security officer for the first 500 pupils enrolled in the district in grades 9 through 12, and up to \$25,000 of the compensation costs for providing an additional security officer for each additional 500 pupils enrolled in the district in grades 9 through 12. Require the school district to enter into an agreement with the local law enforcement agency that requires the district and the agency to equally share the cost of compensating the security officers.

Joint Finance: Specify that the adjustment would be nonrecurring. Also, specify that the requirement for a school safety plan would only apply if a district uses the adjustment to fund school security officer compensation costs.

Senate: Delete provision. Instead, provide a revenue limit increase, beginning in 2007-08, equal to \$100 per pupil or \$40,000, whichever is greater, to purchase school safety equipment or fund compensation costs for security officers. Specify that, to utilize the adjustment, a district must jointly develop a plan with a local law enforcement agency for the use of the funding. Define "local law enforcement agency" to mean a governmental unit of one or more persons employed full time by a city, town, village, or county in the state for the purpose of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing state laws or local ordinances, employees of which unit are authorized to make arrests for crimes while acting within the scope of their authority. Specify that revenue generated by the adjustment may only be utilized to implement the plan. Require the district to submit the plan to DPI. Specify that revenue from the adjustment is nonrecurring.

Assembly/Legislature: Delete provision.