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Explanation of Changes

Senate CS for Senate Bill 216 (FIN) version: 30-LS1483\N

Page 3, line 14 & Page 5, lines 5, 9, 11, 12: All references to "state aid" within subparagraphs (H) and (I) were changed to read "basic need" in order to properly define the section of statute that this bill is affecting. This bill affects basic need, which is a subset of state aid.

Page 5, lines 22-24: Section (M) was reworded to clarify what information school districts need to submit to the Department of Education in order for the department to make the correct calculation for the consolidation transition. The words "appropriate calculations" were replaced with "schools and corresponding ADM." It now reads "a district offsetting a decrease under (H) of this paragraph shall provide the department with the schools and corresponding ADM participating in the consolidation."

Page 5: Remove (N), the definition for "community". The word community is already defined in the department of Education's regulations that define the terms in the funding formula. The previous definition of "communication" in this bill was different from the definition in regulation. The previous definition of "community" in this bill was deleted to reflect the department's definition because it is more inclusive and better provides for the goal of this legislation.

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Page 5, lines 14-19: Section (J) now includes the prior Section (J), prohibiting the use of (H) if a new facility is constructed for the purposes of housing the consolidated schools, and the prior Section (K), prohibiting the offset of a decrease under (E) in the same fiscal year.

Page 5, lines 20-27: a new Section (K) prohibits districts from reopening a school closed for consolidation until 7 or more years have passed since the school closure and the district has provided the Department of Education and Early Development with satisfactory evidence that schools affected by consolidation are overcapacity.