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Title: EDUCATION FUNDING
Sponsor: STORY
Requester: (H) EDUCATION
Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: K-12 Aid to School Districts
Allocation: Foundation Program
OMB Component Number: 141

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027						
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No

(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/27

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill proposes allocating funds to districts based on the current year's average daily membership (ADM) count for the upcoming fiscal year, with exceptions beneficial to district funding. Provisions that affect the public education (Foundation) funding formula:

- Removes the current hold harmless provision for districts experiencing a five percent or greater drop in ADM at the school size factor (AS 14.17.410).
- Provides four options for the intensive services funding factor (AS 14.17.420). Note: timelines identified in the bill for payment to districts in the month following the count date are not likely to be met, due to conflicts with other laws regarding submittal, verification, and appeal processes.
- Provides that ADM is based on greater of current year ADM or previous three-year average ADM (AS 14.17.450)
- Requires payment of additional funds in current year if intensive student count increases (AS 14.17.610)
- Provides option for using a previous three-year average ADM for determining whether a facility qualifies as a school (AS 14.17.905).
- Removes minimum ADM for funding alternative programs as a separate school for the purposes of a school size factor adjustment (AS 14.17.905).

The definition of "previous three-year average ADM" uses the data from the three count period prior to the current year count. For this fiscal note the previous three-year average ADM and intensive student counts were based on FY2023-2025 and compared to the current FY2026 preliminary counts to determine estimated funding for FY2027-FY2032.

Correspondence ADM was from FY2026 preliminary counts.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2026 (FY2027).

See School Finance & Facilities (component 2737) fiscal note for regulation discussion.

The funding mechanism is a general fund transfer to the Public Education Fund (PEF). The fiscal note effect for FY2027 through FY2032 is reported in the fiscal note for the PEF, as the funding is deposited to the PEF, not into the Foundation Program funding component. The above analysis is presented here for explanation purposes only.