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Bill Analysis

SB 823 modifies the State Aid funding formula beginning in the 2022-23 school year. It directs the initial allocation of State Aid be based on the weighted average daily membership (WADM) of a school district for the preceding year, rather than the highest WADM of the two preceding years. It directs school districts to submit to the State Department of Education student enrollment, pupil category count and transportation supplement data for the first 9 weeks of the current school year and the last 9 weeks of the preceding school year, and it requires the Department to do an audit twice a year for the October 1 and April 1 pupil category counts.

The bill directs the December calculation of per-pupil revenue be based on the WADM of a district's first 9 weeks of the current school year, rather than the WADM of a district's preceding year.

The measure also modifies the calculation of the midyear adjustment. It directs the Foundation Program to be based on the higher of a district's WADM for the first 9 weeks of the current school year or the preceding school year, rather than the highest WADM of a district's first 9 weeks of the current school year or the WADM of the preceding school year or second preceding school year. It directs Salary Incentive Aid to be based on the higher of a district's WADM for the first 9 weeks of the current school year or the preceding school year, rather than the highest WADM of the first 9 weeks of the current school year or the WADM of the preceding school year or second preceding school year. The measure also increases the caps on general fund carryover a district is allowed. It states that no penalties shall apply to a district with a general fund carryover in excess of the caps during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2023.

The bill also states that beginning with the 2022-23 school year, a district's weighted calculations will be based on the higher of a district's WADM for the first 9 weeks of the current school year or the preceding school year, rather than the highest WADM of the first 9 weeks of the current school year or the WADM of the preceding school year or second preceding school year. The measure states that a school district's weighted pupil category calculation is to be based on pupil category counts taken on October 1 of the current school year and April 1 of the preceding school year. It directs a school district to multiply the number of pupils approved for each category count at the time of the category count with the membership in each category at the time of the category count, and the average of the two category counts are to be the weighted pupil category calculation for the district.

It modifies the calculation for the weight assigned to the gifted category to be based on a percentage of the total average daily membership of a district for the first 9 weeks of the current school year and the last 9 weeks of the preceding school year.

The bill directs the July calculation of projected per pupil revenue be determined based on the district's average daily membership for the preceding year, rather than the highest of the preceding two years. It directs the December calculation of projected per pupil revenue be determined based on the higher of the district's ADM for the first 9 weeks of the current school year or the preceding school year, rather than the highest ADM of the district's first 9 weeks of the current school year or the preceding two school years.

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