

Preliminary

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WHAT THE BILL DOES: Allows a small elementary school to qualify as a remote small elementary school for additional student weights in the State School Fund distribution formula if the school is not within eight miles of another elementary school in the same school district. Allows a small elementary school to qualify as a remote elementary school if the location of the school has not changed since January 1, 1995, and if the school is a remote small school on the effective date of this bill. Directs the State School Fund distribution to reflect the changes in weights starting with the 2011-12 distribution. Declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2011.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

BACKGROUND: Currently a small elementary school is not a remote small elementary school for additional student weights in the State School Fund distribution formula if the school is within eight miles of another elementary school unless there are physiographic conditions that make transportation to another school not feasible. Furthermore, a remote small elementary school should not have changed its location since January 1, 1995, and it should have qualified as a remote small school on July 18, 1995.