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Bill Title: Relating to State School Fund distributions; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Education, School Districts

Summary of Fiscal Impact

- The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Education and school districts.
- The measure will have a redistributive effect on distributions to school districts from the State School Fund.

Measure Description

HB 4079 modifies the calculation of weighted average daily membership for school districts for distributing state funds to school districts under the State School Fund (SSF) formula. The measure removes the 11% cap on special education weight for the average daily membership (ADM) of a school district based on the number of students with a disability, and it provides for additional weighting of ADM based on the number of students who are homeless.

Fiscal Analysis

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Education (ODE) and school districts.

Department of Education

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on ODE. The measure would not require any additional program staff in ODE School Finance, as the changes to the SSF formula would be incorporated into existing processes for calculating and distributing SSF payments. The measure would require staff development time to make information technology changes to the SSF system to account for the changes in the Individual Education Program (IEP) weight and the addition of the homeless weight.

School Districts

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on school districts. The change to the IEP weight and the addition of the homeless weight will have a redistributive effect on SSF distributions to school districts. The impact on SSF distributions to individual districts is unclear, as it will depend on the number of IEP students and homeless students within each district. The measure is not anticipated to increase the workload of school districts.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on July 1, 2024.