

**State Impact**

This bill appropriates \$1,955,901,809 for the Minimum School Program of which \$1,586,482,794 is from the Uniform School Fund, and an estimated \$369,419,015 from Local property tax collections. The bill also appropriates \$28,358,000 in Uniform School Funds for the School Building Program.

The bill contains an increase in the value of the Weighted Pupil Unit from \$2,116 to \$2,132 for a WPU equivalent increase of .75 percent. This amounts to approximately \$13,100,000.

The funding for the Minimum School Program for Fiscal Year 2003 is an increase of \$4,059,889 from the current 2002 Fiscal Year estimated base appropriation of \$1,951,841,920. The Uniform School Fund appropriation is \$8,900,766 less than the FY 2002 estimated base funding and Local Funds are an increase of \$12,960,655. The Minimum School Program for FY 2003 is 0.2 percent increase over Fiscal Year 2002 base Funding. The Voted and Board Leeway programs were delayed in the implementation of automatic increases tied to the value of the weighted pupil unit resulting in a reduction of needed funding of \$6,100,000. Block programs established by the 2001 Legislature as the Professional Development block, and the Local Discretionary block were realigned along with including additional existing programs into three new block grant programs. These are now the Quality Teaching Block, Interventions for Student Success block, and the Local Discretionary block.

Due to program reductions necessitated because of declining revenues the Minimum School Program contains flexible language for school districts to accommodate those reductions.

The basic tax rate for local district participation in the State Supported Minimum School program has been adjusted to .001813.

	<u>FY 03 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 04 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 03 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 04 Revenue</u>
Uniform School Fund	\$1,586,482,794	\$0	\$0	\$0
Property Tax	\$369,419,015	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>\$1,955,901,809</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No direct fiscal impact.

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