
Fiscal Note**Minimum School Program Act Amendments**

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Bill Number: HB00039:19 AM

This bill appropriates \$1,995,419,970 for the Minimum School Program of which \$1,608,582,133 is from the Uniform School Fund, and an estimated \$386,837,837 from Local property tax collections. The bill also appropriates \$28,000,000 in Uniform School Funds for School Building Programs. There is also appropriated a supplemental amount of \$2,000,000 for FY 2003 for the School Trust Land program. The bill allows use of non-lapsing balances in FY 2004 up to \$300,000 for certain purposes.

The bill contains an increase in the value of the Weighted Pupil Unit from \$2,132 to \$2,150 for a WPU equivalent increase of .84 percent. This amounts to approximately \$14,704,500.

The funding for the Minimum School Program for Fiscal Year 2004 is an increase of \$37,418,161 from the current 2003 Fiscal Year estimated base appropriation of \$1,958,001,809. The Uniform School Fund appropriation is \$27,799,339 more than the FY 2003 estimated funding and Local Funds are an increase of \$17,418,822. The Minimum School Program for FY 2004 is a 1.9 percent increase over Fiscal Year 2003 Funding. The Voted and Board Leeway programs were delayed in the implementation of automatic increases tied to the value of the weighted pupil unit and therefore were not increased by \$4,787,900. Some of the programs that were reduced to accommodate the sixth special session actions of the 2002 Legislature were: Quality Teaching Block Grant program, \$6,097,000; Adult Education, \$2,499,900; and Experimental/Developmental program, \$602,369.

The funding increases in the bill include: Student Growth, \$11,000,000; Retirement rate increase, \$12,700,000; WPU increase, \$14,704,500; School Trust Land program, \$2,000,000; Charter Schools, \$1,075,200; Voted and Board Leeway programs, \$9,454,800; and AT Risk Youth In Custody, \$250,000. The bill also appropriates \$5,000,000 one time funds for teacher supplies and materials.

The basic tax rate for local district participation in the State Supported Minimum School program has been adjusted from .001813 to .001743.

	<u>FY 03 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 03 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 04 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 04 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 05 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 05 Revenue</u>
Uniform School Fund	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$1,636,582,133	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$386,837,837	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,023,419,970	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual and Business Impact

None

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