

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5375

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As of February 23, 1999

**Title:** An act relating to payments to high school districts educating students from nonhigh school districts.

**Brief Description:** Changing provisions relating to payments to high school districts educating students from nonhigh school districts.

**Sponsors:** Senators Morton and Hochstatter.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Education: 3/1/99.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Staff:** Susan Mielke (786-7422)

**Background:** There are 48 school districts that do not offer a high school program. High school-aged students in these "non-high" districts attend high school in neighboring districts.

A high school district receiving high school students from a non-high district receives the state apportionment dollars for those students from the non-high district based upon the state basic education allocation per student of the high school district.

The state does not currently provide dollars for non-basic education activities and programs that are funded by local levy dollars. If the high school district is successful in passing a levy, then the non-high district must make payments to the high school district in an amount no greater than the available levy amount per full-time equivalent student. To facilitate the non-high payments, the non-high district's levy lid is increased and the high school district's levy lid is decreased by the same amount. The additional levy authority can be used by the non-high district to collect local levy money for the non-high payment.

**Summary of Bill:** The requirement for non-high district payments to high school districts is eliminated. The non-high school district payments are replaced with state payments. The amount provided is the high school district's levy amount per full-time equivalent student.

**Appropriation:** \$5.4 million.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 17, 1999.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.