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Sponsor(s): Representatives Anderson, Pflug and Jarrett

Brief Description: Requiring a statewide cost-of-living index for basic education salary allocations.

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Finds that large and growing disparities in the cost-of-living among regions of the state have resulted in widely disparate purchasing power of salaries for certificated instructional staff supported by basic education allocations.

Declares that in the interest of recruiting and retaining qualified instructional staff in all regions of the state, and of ensuring continuous compliance with Article IX, section 2 of the state Constitution, that basic education salary allocations should be adjusted on an ongoing basis for differences in the cost-of-living among regions of the state, as determined through a rigorous method of economic analysis.